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Justice O'Neal.

A CITIZEN'S COMPLIMENT.

Washington, D. C.,
September 18th, 1904.

JUDGE L. I. O'NEAL:

Dear Sir—We have always thought that one's fitness to fill the position of judge depended upon his professional ability and skill, coupled with that praiseworthy desire to reach reasonable and just conclusions such as have marked your faithful service so many years as a justice of the peace, and especially during the brief period that you have presided over the District branch of the Police Court. Therefore, you will imagine our consternation, you will conceive of our indignant feelings, in which no doubt every fair-mnided person shared, on reading the enclosed "Times" clipping.

According to this critic's idea of your duties, in administering the laws, you must not allow yourself to be inspired by honest convictions. You must trample the rights of citizens brought before the bar of justice beneath your feet and, whether innocent or guilty, you must work the rich with one string, as it were, and the poor with another, by the imposition of fines, ostensibly to pile up a pension fund for policemen, but through which others evidently expect to live in clover, and which, for all we know, may have leaks in it large enough to insert joints of No. 8 stovepipe.

He who does not believe in open, honest, fearless criticism is over one hundred years behind the spirit of the times, but the world is too full of newspaper men who have no higher ideal of journalism than to pose as sycophants and flunkeys to feather their nests with down from the official hen that lays the golden eggs, and who are always ready to pervert good motives by which gentlemen of your sterling qualities are actuated by holding you up to the public in a false light. There are too many such fellows for the good of this District, and those who will read between the lines of what they try to say will find they make as great failure of it as the common numbskull who not only cannot write, but who knows no more about the alphabet of common-sense than our tomcat knows about Greek.

Yours cordially,
A. M. RAYMOND, (*Artist*),
706 17th St., N. E.

GUESS AGAIN.

An old lawyer tells, in the Brooklyn Eagle, this story of one of his experiences, years ago, in cross-examination. The witness seemed to be disposed to dodge his questions.

"Sir," said the lawyer, sternly, "you need not state your impressions. We want the facts. We are competent to form our own impression. Now, sir, answer me categorically."

From that time on he could get little more than "yes" and "no" out of the witness. Presently the lawyer said: "You say you live next door to the defendant?"

"Yes."

"To the north of him?"

"No."

"To the south?"

"No."

"Well, to the west, then?"

"No."

"Ah," said the lawyer, sarcastically, "we are likely at last to get down to the one real fact. You live east of him, do you?"

"No."

"How is that, sir?" the astonished attorney asked. "You say you live next door to him. Yet he lives neither to the north, south, east, nor west of you. What do you mean by that, sir?"

"I thought perhaps you were competent to form the impression that we live in a flat," said the witness, calmly; "but I see I must inform you that he lives next door above me."

PASS BAR EXAMINATION.

The committee appointed by the District Supreme Court to examine candidates for admission to the bar has reported that the following persons are qualified for admission:

Harry H. Allen, James W. Anderson, Moncure Burke, Evans Browne, Charles F. Brookes, Edgar H. Bondumont, Fred H. Benson, Robert M. Barr, William T. Ballard, S. M. Brosius, George A. Berry, George E. Bandel, F. W. Bryant, Charles A. Barnard, R. McC. Cook, J. H. Croxdale, Claude H. Coryell, Thomas J. Calloway, J. M. Carlisle, W. H. Coneby, William M. Cady, Richard A. Curtin, John S. Cadel, F. J. Carmody, Ignatius J. J. Costigan, Hugh M. Caldwell, Edward Collins, jr., John W. Davidge, James E. Dillard, James A. Davis, F. L. Davidson, Walter M. Fuller, A. H. Ferguson, Richard W Flourney, jr., John Francis, Karl H Fenning, George E. Folk, Charles J. Gates, Erskine Gordon, Joseph W Gavan, Elwyn Greene, Henry Gullik sen, Asa C. Gracie, Jesse E. Hollinger, Henry Heath, John F. Heffernan, Edward L. Hillyer, Nathaniel Harris, Eva B. Heath, Benjamin Irving, John L. Johnson, Cyrus S. Julien. Helen J. Jamison, Milton A. Kettler, Daniel A. Knapp, John A. Kratz, jr., Elbert H. Loyd, Carney M. Layne, Leon B. Leavitt, John A. Lee, Lewis F. Lindal, Joseph McManus, Arthur R. Mackley, Leonard A. Merritt, Daniel A. Millrick, Herbert F. Mitchell, August G. Maul, Francis S. McGuire, Hartwell C. McCartney, Alfred W. Proctor, George Bassett Pitts, John D. Parker, Robert S. Person, Irvin S. Pepper, E. S. Pratt, Ernest O. Patterson, Henry I. Quinn, James E. Raley, Franklin E. Rapp, John H. Ryan, Walter L. Redrow, Joseph T. Sherier, Mark H. Steadman, James G. Shibley, Joseph C. Stack, Francis M. Shore, Thomas A. Scott, Joseph L. Tepper, Frederick S. Tyler, Charles F. Voorhees, Richard M. Webster, Harry L. Watson, Charles H. Wood, William D. Wheeler, Benjamin Williams, jr., Amasa J. Ward, Charles H. Wilson, and Jesse H. Wilson, jr.

One of the members of the committee will make a motion for their admission when the court sits in general term next month.

IMPOSTORS.

There is a colored man going around the city claiming that he is a representative of the THE BEE, soliciting subscribers and advertisements. The friends and patrons of this paper will please to pay no money to this impostor, nor to anyone else who fails to show written authority from the editor. All persons are hereby warned not to pay any money to anyone unless he presents a receipt from the office signed by the editor, W. Calvin Chase. Twenty-five dollars reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of this impostor.

RELIGIOUS MASS MEETING.

A grand mass meeting will be held Thursday, September 29, at 8 p. m. in the Cadets' Armory, 708 O street northwest, under the auspices of the National Negro Baptist Preachers' Union of Washington, D. C., and the National Evangelical Union. This meeting is called for the purpose of creating an interest among Christian workers to start a undenominational revival in this city.

Able preachers are expected to address this meeting, including the Rev. S. L. Corrothers, D.D., of Galbraith A. M. E. Zion Church; Rev. J. W. P. Leeward, of Miles C. M. E. Church; Rev. J. F. Curtis, of Mount Calvary Baptist Church; Rev. Logan Johnson, B.A., of Trinity A.M.E.Zion Church; Rev. Dr. Seaton, Rev. Robert Daniel, D.D., Rev. Jonas Thomas, M.A., of the Church of the New Jerusalem; Rev. Lewis Edmund, of St. Mark's Baptist Church, and the evangelist, Rev. Simon P. W. Drew, D.D., and others.

DANCY IN OHIO.

Recorder John C. Dancy, of North Carolina, has been invited by the Republicans of Ohio to come to that state and speak. The *Cleveland Journal*, the leading paper in the state edited by negroes, has a most flattering account of the meeting Recorder Dancy is to address. The leading Republicans in the state will welcome the Recorder on his arrival.

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The African Bishop Dissents.

Doesn't Favor Washington's Methods

Bishop Alexander Walters, of New Jersey, was in this city this week on his way to Delaware, where he delivered an address last evening to the Republicans of that State. In speaking to a representative of THE BEE this distinguished prelate said, among other things, that President Roosevelt will be elected beyond a doubt. Referring to a recent letter that he addressed to a corresponcent of a Western paper some time ago, in which he was quoted as favoring the political methods of Prof. Booker T. Washington, he said the statement was false. While he approved the work of Prof. Washington at Tuskegee, he was opposed to his meddling in politics; that he has declined all invitations of Prof. Washington to lecture at Tuskegee because he would be misunderst[illegible] Bishop Walters is a brave and fe[illegible]

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Roosevelt's Letter Of Acceptance.

From the Progressive American.

The President's letter of acceptance is one of the most exhaustive, comprehensive, explicit documents that ever fell from the pen of any candidate asking the suffrage of the voters o the country. It sets forth the policies of the grand old Republican party in a clear, concise and a most able manner, dealing with questions of national importance in a manner that will be far-reaching, yet in a way s simple that the first voter, as well a those who have had the good fortune to support the Republican nominee fo the past half-century, can have n doubts as to the benefits to be derive by the people when the principles o Republicanism are carried out by the great, broad and liberal-minded men whom it is always the party's desire to place before the people when asking their suffrage.

From the Cleveland Journal.

This will be Mr. Roosevelt's last campaign utterance—it is practical to add, "enough said." There is no issue likely to be suggested that he has not touched upon earnestly and frankly.

Mr. Roosevelt writes to the point when he says our national strivings for the past two administrations have been for civic righteousness and national greatness. Republicanism is constructive; Democracy is destructive. American ideals were born in Republican hearts; Democratic theories are the natural antithesis of progress and success.

From the Boston Guardian.

It must be admitted, however, by even those of us who have criticised the President, that as far as the negro is concerned the balance in his public career has been in our favor. When we say this we do not forget his faults in regard to Booker Washington and to silence on the amendments in messages to Congress. His treatment of our cause has improved in other respects, if not also as to the former of these, as time has passed. But since the campaign is now on, and a decision must be made, we advise colored voters to cast their ballots for Roosevelt on the ground that his party offers relief while the Democratic party not only offers none, but allows prominence to men whose attack on our rights is their chief campaign issue. We advise thus even without the assurance we had hoped to have from President Roosevelt's letter of acceptance. For with the amount of friendship he has manifested, especially during the latter part of his term, we feel justified, since his party promises relief, and it is Congress, not the President, which will have most to do with affording relief. This is wisest under all circumstances. We only wish the outlook was surer.

From the Blue Grass Bugle.

It is an able state paper, and treats all public questions in a fearless and exhaustive manner. It is a plain and manly statement of Republican ideas and principles, and made so clear as to leave no question of doubt as to where the Republican candidate for President stands and as to what he stands for.

From The Reformer.

The letter is an able campaign document. It sets forth clearly and forcibly the policies of the party and does not put the American people in doubt as to where the party stands.

From the Kentucky Standard.

It is a letter which gave a sufficient and intelligible account, even of the earlier period of the Republican party, and which at the same time should be simple enough for the most bitter Democrat to understand.

From the American Baptist.

The letter is a strong defense of the present administration and puts the Democrat party upon the defensive upon many of the issues of the day, and challenges its candidates to put up or shut up.

From the Chicago Conservator.

Mr. Roosevelt's letter of acceptance was like the man—straightforward, clear as a bell, and as true as the loadstone to the magnet, to those principles that mark the superior statesmanship of the Republican party as against the 2 by 4 ideas of poor old weather-beaten Democracy.

From the Southern Reporter.

Mr. Roosevelt invites the very best thought of the country to the achievements as demonstrative of his party's principles and with much skill relates in graphic detail things done and being done under his own administration.

From the Afro-American.

President Roosevelt in his recently issued letter of acceptance of the nomination by the Republican party for the office of President of the United States, meets squarely the controversial points of the Democratic party leaders with respect to his administration and the general status of the Republican party.

GEORGE W. MYERS.

EDITOR BEE:—

I write to call your attention to page 106, of "Working with the Hands," by Dr. Booker T. Washington, in which I find "that the five trained nurses from Tuskegee were the only colored nurses employed by the Government during the Spanish-American War." Now, I do not wish to detract one iota from the glory or honor of Tuskegee and the grand and glorious work being done by my personal friend, Mr. Washington, but he is either misinformed or the "account" of the "Immune Nurses from Cuba" and the "editorial" commenting upon the same in the BEE of September 1, 1898, is wrong. This "account" states "that there were twenty-eight colored immune nurses that braved the terrors of the Cuban climate and hardships of war," etc., and served under Major Robinson and Major Varley Harvard, upon their return to this country they landed at Camp Wikoff. A Mrs. Richardson acted as spokeswoman. If you have not these articles, I will have them struck off and send both. If THE BEE is right, then these twenty-eight (including the seven) should receive the same reward and commendation. It is with no intention to cast any reflection upon Mr. Washington or the seven trained nurses from Tuskegee (and perhaps he may be right, the other twenty-one may have been only nurses from or by adoption, instead of a profession), but that the other twenty-one may receive the credit, honor and glory to which their noble sacrifice entitles them, I write to call your attention to the diversity of the account in Mr. Washington's new book and the account published in your paper.

I also call your attention to the enclosed clippings, "Dancy will be here" from Plain Dealer (Mr. Kennedy's paper), and "Emancipation Day" (editorial from the Cleveland Leader). Many of our good brethren come to Ohio and go to other Western States for some purpose. When they return home they have been "stumping Ohio." I am a member of his "Men's Auxiliary," and we will do all we can to make our good friend's visit to Ohio pleasant. Harry Cummings speaks at Indianapolis and Cincinnati, September 21, 22, at Emancipation celebrations. Our campaign begins October 1 at Warren, Ohio. I am taking it easy and well. My successor on the State Committee, Mr. Alexander, is a hustling young man, and will give a good account of his stewardship. At this writing we are all well.

Very truly, your friend,
GEORGE A. MYERS.

READ THE BEE.

What I Saw And Heard.

I was riding up New Jersey avenue on last Sunday evening and I saw several dozen pretty girls who looked as if they had just sprung from an open bud. I soon discovered that the lady teachers had been to a meeting, preparatory to the opening of the schools on last Monday.

There are several dozen Republican clubs in the city playing for notoriety. The officers of some of these clubs want to convince the authorities that they are the its.

If you will walk around about the Police Court you will see the lawyer and the "cuppers," the professional bondsmen included, holding a curbstone convention. Whenever you see the lawyer discussing law with the "cuppers" he has not much business. The people don't care for such a lawyer.

I went to Baltimore last Thursday night. I took the seven o'clock train. I had made up my mind not to "Jim Crow" it, and took a seat in the parlor car and told the porter to give me a ticket, which he did. I rode all the way to Baltimore unmolested. I arrived about eight o'clock, and rode directly to the Lyric Theater, where Williams and Walker were playing. To my surprise, the main auditorium was not crowded. I could not understand it, unless it was on account of the procession that was going on at the time. The balcony was crowded. I had heard so much of these comedians that I decided to see them. Well, I saw the new comedy. I admire the costumes, but I can't say that I care so much for the acting. I would rather hear Avey and Hart. Hart is a better comedian than Williamson. Avey will equal Walker. If Avey and Hart had the support these two men have, they would surpass them. Hart is a better singer than Williams and a superior impersonator of the ignorant and bully negro. He is more natural.

On my return I saw Register J. W. Lyons and Recorder Dancy, who had just returned from the banquet to Minister Lyons of Liberia. They said they had a delightful time, but had to leave before the liquid and other refreshments had been served.

I am amused at the local statesmen. They are all anxious to convince Mr. Roosevelt that they are entitled to a job.

Some people would have others to believe that they can carry the entire country without the aid of anyone. I have seen so many of these its I have become disgusted.

The business in and around the Police Court has not lessened.

The colored orators have entered the campaign. The Democratic orators will follow. Things will now become red-hot.

ROUNDER.

ASSEMBLY OF NEGROES.

Walla Walla, Wash.,
September 11, 1904.

EDITOR BEE:

Soon there will be a great assembly of negro parents and alumni at all the negro colleges throughout the United States. And the older and, in experience at least, wiser negro generations will have the chance to study at first hand the practical workings of these institutions for the training of negro young men and women in republican ideals.

For, obviously, if a negro college does not train its youth in colored-American ideals, it has no value whatsoever, either for its youth or for the country. As they poke and purr about these older and wiser negro generations might have it in mind to learn whether the principal part of education, real education, is a life of "refined and elegant" leisure, diversified with the sports of a gentleman, or is it a life of steady, self-reliant, toiling American negro womanhood and manhood.

These little matters do not appear in negro college catalogues, but they do appear in the life of the college itself. And they should determine whether the negro boy that is coming on shall go where father or older brother went, or shall go to a negro college that has not been rotted and ruined.

EDWARD BAKER.

READ THE BEE.

BY THE WAY

The local statesmen are on the hunt.

The "See-To-No" Club a the coming musical organization in the city.

Mrs. A. V. Chase's book will be a household companion.

The one who knows all is seldom right.

If you want a live paper read THE BEE.

The republican platform is the same old thing in the same old way.

The Ohio colored republicans are not at all pleased.

The Tuskegee Edition of the Colored American is still struggling for existance.

Hon. S. H. Vick of Wilson, N. C., will do the honors when he comes to Washington.

"A man once did sell the lion skin while the beast still lived was killed while hunting him.

Some of the local statesmen hould take a hint.

It is not necessary for THE BEE to wait for an event. It is here.

The Colored voter should allow politics to be an incident to his citizenship.

All that is said should be carefully considered.

Suppose the colored people were as active in earning a livelyhood as they are in going on picnics, they would succeed

Hugh Gordon is one of the most popular men in the courts.

The man who does his talking at the small gate is a coward when he reaches the big gate.

Orators are made to order in this city.

A pretentious man is a knave.

He who attempts to imitate another man is false in heart.

You should watch the man who cannot look you in the face.

The Washington people had better look to their interest.

It is easier to be honest than it is to be dishonest

The next move to be made by Rev. Drew will be a winning one.

If you want suffrage ask for it.

The district delegation has returned

Howard University is improving in every particular.

Why is it that the colored lawyers cannotunite

Some people will betray their best friends

Watch your friends and not your enimies.

The pretender will say that he isyour friend. Watch him.

The man who shows his gums when he laughs is a dangerous one.

There is some honesty in politics.

That there is a certain amount of honesty in every thing politically and otherwise

Consistency is the been companion of honesty.

Without one person falls short of the other.

The Bee makes a good showing in charge of its young manager W. Calvin Case, Jr.

An idea of our comingmen and women may be formed by the kind of boys and girls our childrne

Our boys and girls prove their spare moments during vacation.

While vacation is for recreation it should not be spent wholly in idleness.

It is peculiar that no appropriation was made by Congress, to pay the rental for the building and ground of Howard University known as the Freedmen's Hospital

The position of the American women in the Council at Berlin, is a very prominent and flattering one.

Many of the school teachers are preparing to leave.

The number of American immigrants of today are not on the decrease.

They come to America hoping to obtain a fortune.

They represent many nationalities.

They are not always disappointed in getting the fortune for which they came.

LADYLIKE PERSON WANTED.

Consequently Society Leader in Search of Position for Maid Is Rebuffed by Milliner.

One of the richest and most prominent society women, who is very quiet and unostentatious in her dress, and by only the appointment of her equipage betrays the fact that she is wealthy, says the New York Press, stopped her carriage outside the establishment of a fashionable milliner, entered and addressed the proprietress.

"I see you have in your window a sign, 'Apprentice Wanted,'" she began. The milliner eyed her contemptuously from the crown of her modest bonnet to the tip of her common-sense shoe.

"You would not do at all," she said. "I want a ladylike person who can wait on customers."

"I wish to place one of my maids with some one from whom she could learn millinery while I am abroad," continued the visitor, quietly, "but I am afraid you would not do."

As the footman opened the carriage door for his mistress the horror-stricken milliner recognized too late the livery of one of the "first families" of New York.

RADIUM CLOCK IS DEVISED.

Englishman Constructs Curious Timepiece Which It Is Expected Will Run 30,000 Years.

Harrison Martindale, an Englishman, has constructed a radium clock, which will keep time indefinitely.

The clock comprises a small tube, in which is placed a minute quantity of radium supported in an exhausted glass vessel by a quartz rod. To the lower end of the tube, which is colored violet by the action of the radium, an electroscope formed of two long leaves or stripes of silver is attached.

A charge of electricity in which there are no beta rays is transmitted through the activity of the radium into the leaves, and the latter thereby expand until they touch the sides of the vessel, connected to earth by wires, which instantly conduct the electric charge, and the leaves fall together.

This simple operation is repeated incessantly every two minutes until the radium is exhausted, which in this instance it is computed will occupy 30,000 years.

SPEAK ONLY FRENCH THERE

Natives of a Part of Louisiana Are Very Ignorant of the English Language.

Congressman Broussard of Louisiana is, as his name indicates, of French descent. He never spoke English until he went to Georgetown university. "It is curious," said Mr. Broussard, "how the French language has remained the dominant tongue in my part of the country.

"Brought there by Arcadians of Nova Scotia in the eighteenth century, it prevails to-day, and I believe always will. Curiously enough, you will find plenty of men in my district with such unmistakably English names as Jones and Hayes who can't read, speak or write a word of English.

"Still funnier is the talk of the black people. Their negro French would be unintelligible in Paris, and yet it is the softest, sweetest, most musical speech I ever heard from human lips. It knows no grammar, but it is the very essence of euphony and melody."

Waitress Spoke Six Languages.

Few head waiters know as many languages as a woman named Scheidreiter, who died at Salzburg the other day, age 73. As a girl of 12 she had taken a position as maid with a wealthy family, and had in the course of years visited all parts of the world, gradually acquiring the faculty of speaking, besides her native German, six languages—English, French, Italian, Arabic, modern Greek and Turkish.

Jap Soldier a Model.

According to M. Pichon, the Japanese soldier has muscles like whipcord, is a sure shot, and an eye for landmarks and a memory for locality. He can do with three hours' sleep out of the 24, is cleanly, attends to sanitary instructions and is ardently patriotic. He costs the state about nine cents a day and thinks himself well off.

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Body Turns to Stone.

The body of an 11-year-old daughter of Rev. Elijah Mott, who died five years ago at Alsey, Scott county, Ill., was exhumed the other day for removal and found to be in a state of perfect preservation, though heavy as stone. The body retained its natural form and color.

Why He Did It.

Russell Sage probably took his one-day vacation, says the Chicago Daily News, just to see how it would seem to be wicked and wasteful.

Knowledge That Is Handy.

The dowager empress of China is reducing her household expenses. Many a professional man in this country would be glad to have her tell him how she is doing it.

There Is Still Hope.

A Chicago organist is in jail. Those Washington people who want to have an injunction served on a pianist should cheer up, declares the Chicago News.

OUR BUSY RAILROADS

COMPARISON BETWEEN AMERICAN AND BRITISH LINES.

Tonnage on Portion of Pennsylvania Alone Greatly Exceeds That of English Roads—Cost of Transportation.

Statistics recently compiled show that the freight transported last year by all the railroads of Great Britain, reduced to a basis of tons moved one mile, amounted to 11,099,057,000 tons.

The Pennsylvania railroad's tonnage last year on the same basis was 25,712,-96,290 tons. On its lines between Chicago and Pittsburg 10,866,225,169 tons of freight were moved one mile The tonnage on the Pennsylnavia lines east of Pittsburg greatly exceeded the tonnage of all the British railroads.

The earnings of the British railroads from freight traffic were $255,278,311, or 2.3 cents per ton per mile. The Pennsylvania railroad earned per ton per mile from freight traffic only 0.605 cent. It is estimated that had the Pennsylvania railroad secured the same rate per ton per mile the British railroads did, it would have earned sufficient from freight traffic alone to pay its stockholders a cash dividend of 100 per cent.

In other words, the Pennsylvania railroad east of Pittsburg carried one-fourth more freight for about one-third the money that the British roads received.

The rates of freight in Great Britain have been much higher and more stable than in the United States. In 34 years the British rates have decreased by 4.8 per cent., while the ton mileage has increased 140 per cent., and the freight receipts 128.6 per cent. The earnings per ton per mile on British railroads in recent years have averaged about four times as much as the rates of the railroads of this country.

Still the shippers of the United States are asking for lower freight rates, and judging from the steady reduction in the average rate per ton per mile, they will get lower rates despite the centralization of financial control of the great railway systems. As the density of traffic increases, the average cost per ton of conducting transportation decreases, and the shipper gets his share of the saving—more than his share, most railway managers think.

The rates are lowest and the earnings of the railroads greatest where the country is most developed, and, therefore, the density of traffic greatest, is demonstrated by the gross earnings per mile of the following lines last year:

Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburg, $33,541; Lake Shore, $23,912; Big Four, $10,783; Northern Pacific, $9,027; Missouri Pacific, $7,372; Santa Fe, $7,828.

These figures also illustrate the possibilities of the American railways as the population and development of the country increase.

NEW LUNAR PHENOMENA.

Prof. Pickering of Harvard Makes Interesting Discoveries Concerning the Moon.

Prof. William M. Pickering, of Harvard, who is spending some time on Mount Lowe, near Pasadena, Cal., has made some new discoveries concerning the moon. Eight drawings of the interior and floor of the lunar crater Erastosthenes have been made on successive nights. No two are alike. The most marked difference appeared from Monday night, July 18, to Tuesday night, the 19th. The change in area of shading is pronounced. Prof. Pickering's theory is that these variations in size and color are more likely to be caused by vegetation than by any other possible cause. Areas also appear of brilliant white at times where browns and grays appeared before. These the professor attributed to hoar frost. These have been supposed to be white rock, now in shadow and now in bright light, caused by varying angles of the sun. But Prof. Pickering has dozens of drawings and photographs that cannot be explained by this or any other apparent theory.

FILED AFTER MUCH DELAY.

Will of St. Louis Man, Written in 1855, Is Finally Ready for Probation.

The will of Edward Blennerhasset, written at St. Louis in 1855 by a member of the famous Blennerhasset-Burr firm, was filed in the St. Louis probate court by Lucien M. Shreve, an attorney. The delay in the probation of the will was occasioned by litigation over the estate of Edward Blennerhasset. Mr. Shreve says that the estate is in Ireland, worth $2,000,000, and that Edward Blennerhasset's right to share in it has just recently been established, wherefore his will is brought forth and filed for probate. The beneficiaries are Mrs. Theresa Adams, a daughter, and Henry and Richard S. Blennerhasset, sons of the testators. Mr. Shreve says it was almost positively ascertained that Henry, the missing son, whose share has been in litigation, was slain by the Barbary pirates infesting the North African coast. He was a sea captain in the British merchant marine and nobody has seen or heard of him since he sailed from Naples in 1853.

Marriage Is No Joke.

The civil courts at Bourgoin, France, had recently to decide the case of a couple whose marriage contract had been written by a jocular notary in verse. As all the forms of law had been observed, the court held that the contract was valid, at the same time regretting that a notary should lose the dignity of his profession and become a humorist while performing one of the most serious acts known to law.

WOMAN LIVES AS MAN

MASQUERADES SUCCESSFULLY FOR FIFTY YEARS.

Marries Two Wives and Lives Happily with Both—Leads a Strenuous Life and Is Discovered Only Twice.

In his capacity of private citizen a representative of a Chicago paper recently bailed out of Westminster police court, in London, Catherine Coome, aged 68, who for the past 50 years has been living a man's strenuous life in man's clothes.

Only once before has Coome's secret ever been discovered, though she has twice been "married" in church to other women, and has met with many adventures in many lands, while in man's clothes. That was about four years ago.

It was at a table in a crowded restaurant that Coome, in her simple, gentle way, gave the following sketch of a long and amazing life:

"I was born," she said; "in 1836. My father was a man of means. Before I was 16 I married my first cousin, Percival Coome. He treated me so brutally that one day I made up my mind to run away altogether. But what could I do? If only I were a man, I thought, I could hide myself securely from him and get work. It seemed a good idea, so I started off to Birmingham. There I took a room, paying the money in advance, and cautiously bought men's clothes at different shops.

"I went to Gloucester to look for work. There, outside of a shipping office, I saw an advertisement for a captain's clerk. In I went and offered my services. I was quite a bright looking 'lad,' and to my joy they took me on. For three years and a half I sailed with Capt. Pelanis in the Mediterranean and Adriatic. When my captain's wife died I gave up the sea and apprenticed myself to a house painter at a village near Frome, in Somerset. At the end of my time I came up to London and worked two years, and later worked at my trade at Huddersfield for 15 years. Before I went I married the girl I had been courting for four years. She died four years later.

"At Hudderfield I married again, this time a Miss Peters, a dressmaker, whose parents lived in Jersey. We were married for 22 years, and I do not believe a couple were ever so happy as we were. Incredible as it may seem, I believe that she never guessed I was a woman. After I had been in Hudderfield for 15 years I came up to London. I met with several accidents, and finally broke three ribs. Shortly after that my second wife died.

"At last I was driven to East Ham workhouse. There they found out I was a woman because I hit one of the men who wanted to strip me for bathing. I have come out three times since and got work. But three times I have met with accidents and have had to go back. I had only been out an hour the other morning when, near Ebury bridge, some man pointed me out to a policeman as a woman in man's clothes. So I was taken up for being drunk."

That is, in brief, the life story of Catherine Coome.

TROUSERS MAY BAR WOMEN

Post Office Regulations Offer Obstacle to Innovation in Mail Carrying.

An expected application from Postmaster McKay, of Des Moines, Ia., to be allowed to employ women as mail carriers, and the fact that the regulations require these servants of the government to wear trousers have put the officials of the post office department in a quandary.

Sentiment in the department is strongly against allowing the use of women carriers, but careful search of the regulations reveals the fact that there is nothing there to prohibit them except that according to the regulations they would have to wear men's apparel if employed.

This section is plain and unmistakable in its intention to apply to men only, and refers without reserve to "pants, vest and coat." "The examination and physical qualifications also might prove a stumbling block for the ladies," said an official.

TEN MILES WITH HEAD DOWN

Gerald Hardie's Foot Held Fast in a Coupling and He Is Severely Injured.

With one foot held firmly as if in a vise George Hardie, 23 years old, of Elizabeth, N. J., hung head downward between two coal cars of a train on the Central railroad of New Jersey, while it traveled a distance of ten miles. He was struck repeatedly by projections rising above the track level, but was powerless to extricate himself until the train reached Fanwood station.

He was found there by a brakeman and brought to Plainfield, his head torn and his chest cut in a dozen places. After boarding the train at Elizabeth Hardie was jolted from his seat, and in falling caught his foot in the coupling, which saved him from being ground to pieces. The physician who was summoned to attend him says the man will recover.

Has Changed His Mind.

A baseball umpire at Williamsport, Pa., announced, at the close of the game, that he could lick the whole crowd in the grandstand. He has since told the attending physicians that he is convinced that he spoke too hastily.

Ahead of Carnegie.

The suits against F. Augustus Heinze now aggregate $26,000,000. At this rate, says the Philadelphia Inquirer, Mr. Heinze's chances of dying a poor man are rather better than Mr. Carnegie's.

LAND O. S... S.

CHICAGO PASTOR'S IMPRESSIONS OF THE MIKADO'S REALM.

Western Civilization, Says Father Kelly, Has Not Taken a Very Deep Hold on the People —Home Life in Japan.

Chicago Special.

Japan is called the Sunrise Land—it should be called the "Surprise Land." A little country, of little people—with little ideas and little aims—as far as their home life is concerned.

The newness and surprise of everything, from people to flora and insects, startles the westerner at every step. All things in Japan are cute, rather than beautiful, and one tires of it all very soon.

According to Rev. E. A. Kelly, of Chicago, the only grand thing in Japan is Fujiyama—or Fuji, as it is called. It is perfect in form, of all the mountains in the world, and, seen from the sea, with its snow-capped peak far above the clouds, is truly majestic.

By force of circumstances rather than by inclination the Japanese are industrious and frugal. Smaller in area than California, and scarcely one-fifth of it arable land, its 42,000,000 of people find the struggle of life a hard one.

It has no great mineral or forestry wealth, and it lacks in every sense natural resources that go to make a great nation.

While a traveler is apt to suppose that western civilization has taken a deep hold on the nation, those who live there for any considerable length of time affirm that it is only a thin crust. Those who know Japan well say that truth and morality are not characteristic virtues of its people, and commercial honesty is away below par.

European merchants, and American, too, I have heard, will tell you that all goods sold to Japanese must be paid for before they are shipped, whilst Chinese merchants can get any amount of goods on their word.

"Queer Things About Japan," as published in the Chicago Journal, gives

REV. EDWARD A. KELLY.
(Chicago Priest, Who Has Made a Study of Japanese Life.)

this accurate account of its home life: "The Japanese have no bread, no beds, no fires, no boots and shoes, no trousers for the men, no petticoats for the women, both sexes wearing instead several dressing gowns, one over the other. In their houses they have no windows, no doors, no walls, no ceilings, no chests of drawers, not even a washing-stand, and the wardrobe is only a lot of boxes piled one on top of another. In the kitchen they have no range, no pots, no pans, no flour-bins, no kitchen tables.

"But then, they have no tables or chairs in the drawing-room, and in the real native house the drawing-room itself is only a lot of bedrooms with their walls taken down. There is no reason why you should find anything in a Japanese house except mats and a charcoal brazier, for warming your fingers and the teapot, and committing suicide. These and a cushion or two, and a quilt to sleep on, with an elaborate conventional politeness, constitute the furniture of a Japanese house, except the guest chamber. The articles in the guest chamber consist of a screen, a kakemone, and a flower vase.

"The Japanese have no forks, no spoons, no tablecloths; they have no sheets, no wineglasses no tumblers. The Japanese young lady carries in her sleeve a pocket handkerchief, which is generally made of paper, a gaudy silk case containing chop-sticks—you take your feeding tools with you to a Japanese meal, instead of finding them on the table—and another gaudy silk case containing a looking glass, which is not made of glass at all, but of silvered bronze, her pocket-comb, which is of no use, but a piece of foreign swagger, and her pot of lip-salve, which is not intended to soften the lips, since kissing is not a Japanese custom, but to color them to improbable crimson.

"She may keep her fan and her smoking materials in her sleeve, but she more often has them suspended from buttons. The Japanese do not use buttons for buttoning; they stick them through their sashes and let them hang down by silver chains or silken cords, to the other end of which they attach their fans, their smoking outfit, their medicine chests, and their pen and ink.

"They carry their tobacco in a purse, and smoke in a little brass pipe hardly big enough to hold a cigarette."

The Jans do not compare favorably with the Chinese in physique, mentality, commercial ability, honesty or morality. It is strange, but a fact. Wherever you go in all Japan, the person who hands you out the money in the banks is Mr. Chinaman.

China is beginning to wake up, and when it has thoroughly awakened Europe may well take heed of Napoleon's warning from his prison home at St. Helena: "When China is moved it will change the face of the globe."

BROTHERHOOD OF FIREMEN

The Second Strongest Organization Among the Many Associations of Railroad Workers.

Peoria (Ill.) Special.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, the second strongest organization numerically among railroad brotherhoods, was organized in Port Jervis, N. Y., in December, 1873. It was launched by its founder, Joshua Leach, with but 12 members. At the present time it has 656 local unions affiliated, with a membership of 55,000 in round numbers. Like all the railroad brotherhoods, the firemen's organization has beneficial features which strongly commend it to the members, but from a trade union point of view it has done much to improve the condition of the locomotive firemen of the country.

In its early stages the organization met with many obstacles, the chief one

JOHN J. HANNAHAN.
(Grand Master of Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen.)

being the determined opposition of the railway managers. At the third convention in St. Louis the firemen decided that they needed a medium through which to advertise their organization, and it was decided to issue a monthly journal, which has come to be regarded as one of the best labor magazines in the country.

At the fourth convention, held in Indianapolis, the advisability of becoming affiliated with the locomotive engineers was considered, but the movement got no further than sending delegates to the engineers' convention, and extending fraternal greetings. The firemen preferred to have an organization of their own. After the publication of the magazine began the organization grew rapidly.

The great strike on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad gave the firemen a temporary setback, and cost the organization $[illegible]00, but the loss was more than offset later through increased wages and the agreement for overtime. The Pullman strike again hit the firemen hard, although they were not directly interested in the issue. It cost the organization [illegible]s of 8,000 members, who were drawn sympathetically into the fight, and found themselves blacklisted after it was over.

At the present time the firemen have agreements with practically all the railroads in the country, and are working harmoniously with their employers. The headquarters of the organization are in Peoria, Ill., the official journal being published in Indianapolis. John J. Hannahan is grand master of the organization, having succeeded Frank P. Sargent two years ago, when the latter resigned to become inspector general of immigration. W. S. Carter is secretary-treasurer, having taken that position lately when F. W. Arnold resigned. Carter was formerly editor of the official journal, and is credited with having made it what it is in the labor world.

THE GRAND DUKE MICHAEL

Only Brother of the Russian Autocrat Betrothed to Pretty Princess of Montenegro.

St. Petersburg Special.

Grand Duke Michael of Russia, who, it is reported, has been betrothed to the princess of Montenegro, is the only brother of Czar Nicholas II., and was born December 4, 1878. He has two sis-

GRAND DUKE MICHAEL.
(Only Brother of Czar, Soon to Be Married to Montenegrin Princess.)

ters, Grand Duchess Xenia and Grand Duchess Olga, and, until the birth of the czarevitch a few weeks ago, was the heir presumptive to the Russian throne. Grand Duke Michael, however, has been distinctively honored by his imperial brother, the czar, who in fixing the order of succession, has decreed that in case he (the czar) should die before Czarevitch Alexis should become of age, Michael should become the regent of the empire. It is said of Michael that he is one of the most picturesque men in Russia. He is of a melancholy disposition, but intensely patriotic, and consumed with dreams of the future greatness of his country.

MUSEUM IN A CHURCH

REVOLUTIONARY RELICS PRESERVED FOR USE OF PUBLIC.

Collection in Holyrood Church, New York, Illustrates Actual Scenes of Stirring Events in Struggle for Freedom.

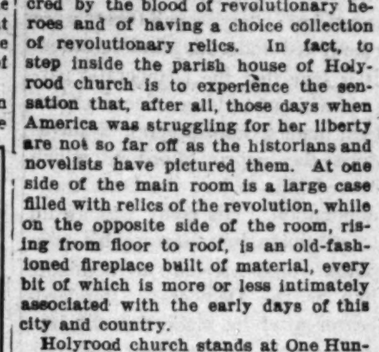
New York Special.

Holyrood Protestant Episcopal church, of which Rev. F. Greaves is rector, enjoys the double distinction of standing on ground made almost sacred by the blood of revolutionary heroes and of having a choice collection of revolutionary relics. In fact, to step inside the parish house of Holyrood church is to experience the sensation that, after all, those days when America was struggling for her liberty are not so far off as the historians and novelists have pictured them. At one side of the main room is a large case filled with relics of the revolution, while on the opposite side of the room, rising from floor to roof, is an old-fashioned fireplace built of material, every bit of which is more or less intimately associated with the early days of this city and country.

Holyrood church stands at One Hundred and Eighty-first street and Broadway, only a short distance from the site of Fort Washington and the other fortifications at the northern end of Manhattan island around which the American and British troops fought desperately in 1776.

The existence of the interesting collection of relics to be found in the parish house is principally due to the efforts of Reginald Pelham Bolton, who has personally and in company with others searched closely much of the territory in the vicinity of Fort Washington.

The collection is the result of seven years of such research and includes two classes of objects, such as were in use in the fighting preceding the storming of Fort Washington and such as were left by the British, Hessian and tory garrison which occupied the upper end of Manhattan Island from 1777 to 1783. In the first class are missiles of all sizes



HISTORIC FIREPLACE.
(An Interesting Feature of Holyrood Church, New York.)

and sorts, from the small lead bullet to the 50-pound shell of the British frigates engaged in an almost continuous artillery fight with Fort Washington in August, October and November, 1776. There are also specimens of the destructive bar-shot used by the British war vessels, one of especial interest having been found with some of the nails and spikes with which it was filled from head to head still rusted in place. Exploded shells, bent spikes, broken bayonets and swords, a bent lance head and other weapons, in one case with the bones of the dead attached, bear testimony to the severity of the fighting in the vicinity.

The second division of the collection is devoted to evidences of the camp life in the vicinity, and comprises buttons of practically every British regiment known to have been engaged in the revolution. The collection includes buttons of the Sixteenth Foot, the regiment taken by "Mad" Anthony Wayne at Stony Point in 1779, the Twenty-Third Welsh fusileers, which fought in every engagement of the war; the Tenth regiment, which took part in the attack on Fort Washington, and the Forty-Fourth, which was engaged in building the earthworks still bearing the names of King George and Gov. William Tryon. Interesting bone buttons used by the American soldiers and partly rawed bones from which they were cut are also in the collection, as are pot hooks, barrel hoops, old-fashioned rum bottles, knives, razors, scabbards, pikes, accoutrements, knee breeches buckles, shoe buckles, belt buckles and other personal objects.

New objects of interest are being continually unearthed by Mr. Bolton and his friends, and many are brought to light in the course of the improvements now rapidly extending on Washington Heights.

The collection is opened free of charge to the inspection of the public on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Mr. Bolton says the object of the collection is to increase public interest in the preservation of such historical relics and to retain the objects themselves on the actual scene of some of the most stirring events in American history.

Legal Suggestion for Lovers.

A judge in Montgomery county, Pa., has declared that it is not an offense for a girl to sit in her lover's lap. "But," he wisely adds, "it would be imprudent and rash for her to do so when there was a chance of being observed by her parents."

Flying Fish on a Liner.

A flying fish, 12 inches long, and 15 inches across the wings, fell into the engine room of the American liner Philadelphia during the ship's last passage from New York to Southampton.

POPULAR WITH FARMERS.

Prof. W. M. Hays, of Minnesota University, Who May Be Made Mr. Wilson's Assistant.

Washingeon (D. C.) Special.

Prof. W. M. Hays, who has been mentioned for the post of assistant secretary of agriculture to succeed Col. J. H. Brigham, is said to be the personal choice of Secretary James Wilson. For many years he was associated with Mr. Wilson at Ames agricultural college, of which institution Prof. Hays is a graduate. He is at present the professor of agriculture in the University of Minnesota, and is the secretary of the American Breeders' association. The work that he has done is the best recommendation that could be given him. One variety of wheat that he has originated is now being grown over an area of some 75,000 acres, and will increase the yield, over that obtained from other varieties

PROF. W. M. HAYS.
(Likely to Be Appointed Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.)

grown in those localities, two and one-half bushels per acre, or give a total increase of 187,500 bushels for the present year.

Another of his varieties that has been before the public a little longer, and that gives an increase over common varieties of one and a half bushels, is being grown this year to the extent of 300,000 and 400,000 acres, and will increase the wheat crop in Minnesota about half a million bushels over what it would otherwise have been. When the millions of acres of Minnesota land, devoted to wheat growing, are all seeded to these improved varieties the aggregate benefit to the farmers of the state will be enormous. Not only is Prof. Hays one of the leading plant breeders of the country, but he is a prominent leader in general agricultural work and agricultural education.

POPULAR SOCIAL LEADER.

Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, Candidate Davis' Daughter, Stands at Head of Swell Set.

Washington (D. C.) Special.

Should the democrats be successful in the coming election, the presidential contingent will have no brighter social ornament than Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, formerly Miss Hallie Davis. As the daughter of Senator Davis, and afterward the wife of a cabinet officer, Mrs. Elkins is a post-graduate in official etiquette, and her elegant home on K street, in Washington, which she occupies every winter during the gay season, is

MRS. STEPHEN B. ELKINS.
(Daughter of Democratic Candidate for Vice President.)

the scene of a constant round of brilliant entertainments.

Mrs. Elkins has other handsome residences, dividing the year among them, and not finding them a care. Her father always had several establishments. She has been accustomed to the life from childhood, and laughingly declares herself (like the woman who daily lifted the calf over the fence, continuing the performance after it had become a cow) to have developed strength with the demand for it.

In appearance Mrs. Elkins is thought to be strikingly like Mrs. Cleveland. She is tall, with a beautiful figure and distinguished carriage and bearing. A smooth, ivory-white complexion is another attraction, as are a beautiful set of teeth and a pair of bewitching dimples, which herald the approach of every smile.

Salute Long Drawn Out.

A British warship steamed majestically up to Puerto Arenitas, and saluted the flag of Costa Rica with 21 guns. It took the gunners of Costa Rica two hours to answer the salute. They only had [illegible] muzzle-loader, which had to be allowed to cool after each gun. The salute was finished in [illegible].

Monte Carlo.

[illegible]he bank at Monte [illegible]t $6 250,000 a year, [illegible] the money staked [illegible]h it; yet the fools [illegible]he proprietors of

LONG DRIVE OF AGED PAIR

Reach Chicago After 2,500 Mile Ride in Carriage—Same Horse Used During Entire Trip.

After traveling 2,500 miles in an open carriage, Mr. and Mrs. John Skinner, both nearing the age of four score years, have arrived in South Chicago, on their way to Michigan. Driving up to the curb in front of a hotel, the couple alighted without any signs of fatigue, and, giving their weary horse into the care of a hotel attendant, entered the hostelry, engaged rooms and asked if supper was ready. The aged couple have been on the road since December 2, 1902. They have passed through the Rockies and across the plains. Mr. Skinner is a rich fruit raiser living at Los Angeles, Cal. Formerly he lived in Michigan. When a young man he served in the civil war as a soldier in the Seventeenth Michigan infantry, and one of his bosom comrades throughout the long years of the struggle was Frank Lewis, who now lives at Akron, in the Wolverine state. Last December Mr. Skinner decided he would like to see his old friend. At first he intended making the trip alone, but his wife would not listen to any such plan, and insisted upon accompanying him. She said he was too old to make such a long trip alone and needed her to look after him. Mr. Skinner is 78 years old and his wife 77.

Since starting on their overland tour they have used up four sets of carriage wheels. When convenient they stop at hotels, but if darkness descended when they were at some distance from a town they made camp for the night and slept in the open. During the entire trip they have thus far met with no accidents, and Mr. Skinner says that when he has worn his welcome out at his friend's he is going to drive back to California.

Since leaving Los Angeles they have driven one horse steadily. It is a little bay with white feet. "It's not a blooded horse," said Mr. Skinner, "but it's a stayer."

GIRL DOCTORS' SOCIETIES.

Two Unique Iowa Organizations Spur Men to Friendly Rivalry at Des Moines.

What is intended to be the fountainhead for societies of the kind throughout the entire world has been formed at a college of osteopathy in Des Moines, Ia., by ten girls.

Articles of incorporation have been filed by what is to be known as the Kappa Psi Delta society, to which female doctors and members of their own medical school are eligible. These young women, who doctor by stimulation of the nerves and massage of the muscles, formed their organization for scientific and benevolent purposes, as well as mutual benefit.

Because of the strong college spirit at the medical school a second young women's society has sprung into existence, and is known as the Alpha Zeta Omega. This club is now planning a trip to St. Louis in September.

This trip to St. Louis is being planned by Prof. Charles H. Hoffman, lecturer on clinical microscopy. Rather than divulge his real name and identity (admitting he is not going by his real name) he resigned from Drake university, in this city. He was recently accused of being Prince Rudolph, who was supposed to have been killed in a lodge, but no one has proved his true identity, and he still remains the man of mystery.

To offset these two societies of young women, the young men have formed what is known as the Calumet society, consisting of 42 osteopaths.

WOMEN SEE SEA SERPENT.

Devil's Lake, N. D., Campers Are Thrown Into Panic Over Discovery of Monster.

Campers on the Chautauqua grounds at Devil's Lake, N. D., were thrown into consternation one night recently by the appearance of what is thought to be a sea serpent in Devil's lake. Mrs. Edgar La Rue, wife of a prominent newspaper man; Mrs. F. Craig, wife of a banker of Leeds, N. D., and Mrs. Carr Cleveland, wife of a prominent business man of this city, were strolling along the beach when their attention was attracted by a great disturbance in the lake about a mile from the shore.

Securing opera glasses, they beheld the head and body of an enormous animal swimming toward the north shore, leaving a trail of foam in its wake. Its head was large and snake-like and apparently of enormous length. Its body appeared thickly covered with large black scales. The women were terrified and went in search of their husbands. Parties armed with rifles are patrolling the shores, but nothing more has been seen of the serpent.

A party of Indians later reached town and told of seeing the serpent earlier in the day, thus confirming the story of the women.

Aluminum Shoes for Horses.

In the Russian army aluminum horseshoes are said to have been tried with good results. A few horses in the Finland dragoons were first chosen, and shod with one aluminum shoe and three iron shoes each. The experiments showed that the aluminum shoes preserved the foot better than the iron ones.

Refuses to Admit It.

Colombia, having monkeyed with a buzzsaw and lost a leg, now makes faces at the surgeon and refuses to acknowledge that the leg is gone.

A WOMAN COTTON EXPERT

Miss Katherine Giles, a New York Girl, Occupies Unique Position in Business World.

New York Special.

Mrs. Katherine Giles occupies a unique place in the business world. Aloft in her quiet office in a New York skyscraper, watching the movements in the market, is the only woman cotton statistician in America, and the only cotton statistician who works independently of the brokerage business, concentrating her thoughts on the single line of the cotton output. Recently her reports influenced the market to the extent of 60 points, making a difference of thousands of dollars to investors.

In reply to the query of an interviewer, Mrs. Giles told the story of her rare success.

"I have more than a thousand correspondents situated all over the cotton

MISS KATHERINE GILES.
(New York Woman Who Is Consulted by Cotton Speculators.)

countries in the south," she said. "They are cotton planters. The real cotton planter knows to the quarter of a bale how much he is going to raise on an acre. It is to his interest to know it, and let me know what he knows.

"This knowledge is sent to me by means of a postal card system. Each of my correspondents sends me a report twice a month. I send out two reports a month during the summer and fall; during the spring months and late winter only one.

"My first announcement this season sent the market down more than 50 points, because I predicted a good year. It is said that it meant a difference of millions of dollars.

"The first I knew the telephone was hot with messages all the time, the office filled with people, and the newspapers came out with the statement that my report had made the difference.

"The first time that my report ever influenced the market was about two or three years ago."

AN ANCIENT CHURCH BELL.

It Was Cast in 1355 and Has Been in Use in New Mexico for Several Centuries.

Albuquerque (N. M.) Special.

The oldest bell in the United States has just been acquired by Gov. Miguel A. Otero, of New Mexico, it having arrived recently at Santa Fe from Algondenes. This bell was cast, according to inscription, in 1355, and is, therefore, 549 years old, antedating discovery of America by 137 years. It contains much

ANCIENT SPANISH BELL.
(Recently Acquired by Gov. Miguel A. Otero, of New Mexico.)

gold and silver, as it was the custom of olden times for devout persons to cast their personal adornments of gold and silver into bell-metal melting pots.

The ancient bell was brought over from Spain by one of the first expeditions to Mexico. As the centuries went by, it was hung successively in a mission church in one of the seven cities of Cibola, next at Gran Quivers, and finally in the church at Algondenes, where it has rested until now.

Women Take Place of Horses.

Incredible as it may seem, there are some places in Europe where women regularly plow instead of horses. That women were never intended for work of this kind has long been admitted in all civilized countries, but simply because a woman is seen drawing a plow it would be rash to infer that she is necessarily working very hard. The plow is not cutting a deep furrow, but is merely scratching the ground, so to speak, and as it is very light the woman draws it after her with ease. There are certain wild districts where the work is much harder, but even there the women do it patiently and never utter a word of complaint. The reason why women take the place of horses is not because the men are callous or lazy, but because horses are prized very highly and their owners never dream of working them for more than a few hours each day. If deep furrows have to be cut through a field the horse does it, but lighter tasks he disdains, and the woman takes his place as a matter of course.

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THE MAN OF THE HOUR.

Throughout all history no fact stands out more prominently than that, whenever a great crisis arises, involving the great problems which must determine the moral degeneracy or improvement of a race or people, some person is sure to forge to the front to meet it and turn the tide in the direction of human progress. Martin Luther, De Montfort, Washington, John Brown, Lincoln, and Toussant L'Ouverture are illustrious examples of this fact. They seem to have been born to fill a place and perform services which could be filled or wrought by no other human being. The purification of the Church, the establishment of popular government, the abolition of slavery, and the right of self-preservation found ready and successful champions in these men. So also have we found a Sumner to demand equal civil rights for all American citizens, and a Douglass to prove their entire ability to meet every social, civil or political requirement. Since the organization of the two great political parties—the Republican and the Democratic—great men have arisen to manage successfully political campaigns. A Chandler appeared on the scene to conduct the popular mind to admit and indorse the wisdom, justice and necessity of upholding the Federal power in the Southern States in the interest of a republican form of government. A Hanna came to the front to lead the masses into the grooves of prosperity and to stay the surging tide of fanaticism regarding the instruments of the nation's credit. The lamented and honored master of politics, than whom no better or more disinterested patriot and statesman ever lived, has impressed the genius of his mighty power upon another. Trained under the powerful influence of McKinley and Hanna, Geo. B. Cortelyou has appeared on the political stage to imitate the wisdom and sagacity and success of his immediate predecessors, and to demonstrate the unrighteousness and futility of hoping for political predominance and governmental control at the expense of the principles of justice and human rights. Just now the colored people are confronted with a situation as serious as any before encountered. Not only have the Democrats succeeded in disfranchising colored citizens at the South and in making night hideous with brutish burnings and butcheries, but they are conducting a campaign calculated to give momentum to the spirit of caste and race hate. With full faith in the wisdom and goodness of Providence, we believe that George B. Cortelyou has been raised to hurl back the memories of wrong and injustice and place in power a man who dares to do the right and whosepatriotic and humane endeavor will be to assist in alleviating the suffering of and open new opportunities for a long-suffering and striving race. That Theodore Roosevelt will be his own successor it would be foolish to doubt. The steady gains he has made from the Democratic ranks, the absolute contentment manifested all over the North in his administration, and the daily evidence of his ardent patriotism, humanity and fairness, all point to his certain and glorious election and the ignominious defeat of the enemy. In the consummation of this great event no man will be entitled to greater credit than the modern Warwick, George B. Cortelyou. That the colored voters will turn out and do their duty at the polls next November there is no shadow of doubt, and we shall all hail a glorious victory for Theodore Roosevelt and George B. Cortelyou.

NOT WITHOUT FAULT.

THE BEE has been a special champion and advocate of the civil and political rights of the negro. It has denounced, in unmeasured terms, especially the "Jim Crow" car law; it has maintained that his civil and political rights have been abridged in violation of the Constitution of the United States. Admitting that all of this be true; what has the negro to say or what excuse has he to offer concerning the discrimination that he enacts toward his own race? The country is at [illegible] over the "Jim Crow" car law as being unchristian and unfair to an oppressed race of people who have always been faithful and loyal to the American flag. The question is, Has the negro ever considered his own acts of discrimination? And has the negro who discriminates opened his own book of folly? In the first instance the so-called business negro who opens a barber shop paints a sign, "First-class tonsorial artist." If a colored man enters and tells the barber that he wants a shave or a hair cut, he is informed that this shop is for white men only. Yet this very negro barber will object to riding in a "Jim Crow" car. Prof. J. D. Baltimore went on his vacation a few weeks ago, and he relates that he was confronted with just such methods being practiced in the western part of New York. The places conducted by white people are thrown wide open to all. He further stated that negro eating saloons, conducted by negroes, object to negroes eating in them, while the white people don't object. Is it a surprise to the readers of THE BEE? Let the negro himself first throw down the barrier before he asks the opposite race to repeal the obnoxious laws that are being passed by State Legislatures. In years gone by in this city such well-known men as Carter A. Stewart, Robert Booker and so-called leading negro boss barbers would not permit a negro to enter their shops to be shaved. Yet these very men, who took the lead in all enterprises in which the negro was interested, could be seen in public indignation meetings, denouncing the white man because he would not permit negroes to eat in their saloons and allow other privileges in their places of business to the colored man. Today in this city there are dozens of barber shops and other places conducted by colored men who have declared not to accommodate their own color. The question is, Has the white man any more right to accommodate the negro than the negro has to accommodate each other? If the negro discriminates against himself, what right has the white man to give room for the members of his own race for the negro who doesn't believe in treating himself decently? These are cold facts, we will admit, but what does the engro intend to do about it? The negro is a great believer in the Bible, as well as all other good Christians, and he (the negro) should not forget to take the mote out of his own eye before he asks his brethren to take the beam out of his brother's eye.

Is the negro without fault? Come, let us reason together before we go any futher.

PRESENT CONDITIONS.

It is related of Fred Douglass that when he was a young man, working in his master's shipyard at Baltimore, two Englishmen were in the yard one day and in a conversation one of them had with Douglass he asked him why he did not run off. Douglass said afterward that the thought had never entered his mind until that time, but it was not long until he put the idea into execution and escaped to England.

This shows how readily men accept present conditions as being right and proper and make no effort to change them. Up to that instant Douglass had apparently never questioned the right of his master to take the entire products of his toil for the little that it cost to provide him with the bare necessities of life. Nor had he thought it possible to change that state of affairs and thereby better his condition. But once the seed was sown on fertile soil it soon bore fruit and that abundantly.

Today how many wage workers realize that they are practically slaves, and that they should make an effort to free themselves? Grant that the employer has the right to keep back one cent as a profit on your toil, and you must concede that he has the right to keep back two, four, or in fact any amount he pleases, even to all except enough with which to live, and thereby reduce you to the condition of actual slavery. How many of the colored workers of today can possibly save any more out of their scanty wages than just barely enough to keep themselves and those dependent on them?? Their ancestors had that much in the days of chattel slavery, and did not have to worry about where the job was to come from tomorrow, nor who was to pay the grocer, the landlord and the doctor. In those days the slave was put upon the auction block and sold for so much cash, and the buyer had to keep him; but today the poor wage slave has to throw himself on the market and take what he can get, and take that on the installment plan, by working for one master one day and another the next, and so on until death sets him free.

Yet the vast majority of wage workers, white and colored, are like Douglass, and have not realized the condition they are in, nor that there is the possibility of escape from it with all the blessings of freedom. Like the Englishman, we want to put it into the mind of every colored worker in America that there is a way of escape from his present bondage, and that he is not worthy to be called a man if he does not make the effort to utilize it.

But, unlike Douglass, who was compelled to steal off like a thief in the night, the laborer of today has only to go to the ballot box and cast his vote for the party and principles that will enact laws in his behalf instead of voting for the Democratic party, which is dominated and controlled by his masters. Follow the example of Douglass and run off from your old party prejudice. Make this a government of the workers, for the workers, and by the workers.

NEW YORK DEMOCRACY.

Mr. Hornblower said:

"Gentlemen: I have accepted the high honor tendered me by the State Committee of presiding as temporary chairman of this convention because I believed it to be not only an honor but a duty; not as the representative of any faction, but as a representative of the great body of Democratic and independent voters who are supporting the principles and the candidates of the Democratic party in this campaign.

REPUBLICANS ARROGANT.

"It is arrogantly assumed not only by the campaign orators of the Republican party, but by the national platform of that party, and by their candidate for the Presidency, that the record of the Republican party is unassailable. It is also arrogantly assumed and contemptuously asserted that the record of the Democratic party is a record of disaster, and that the party has no principles on which to go to the country. These arrogant assumptions and assertions have no basis in truth, and they can only be supported by a willful suppression of facts known of all men. It is easy to 'point with pride' when only glittering generalities are called for, but when the record of the Republican party is examined in detail, pride may turn to humiliation.

"To charge the panic of 1893 against the Cleveland administration is a willful perversion of the facts. That panic was caused by the administration of President Harrison, and resulted directly therefrom, and but for the action of President Cleveland in calling a special session of Congress and procuring the repeal of the Sherman silver act, the consequences would have been even more disastrous than they actually were.

The temporary chairman of the New York Democratic Convention, Mr. Hornblower, said that Republicans are arrogant. He makes a decidedly weak defense of Mr. Cleveland's administration and the money question under it at that time. There never was an administration that was so full of weak spots. Mr. Cleveland was apparently a strong man, but many small acts were committed under his administration. It is true that the Democratic party is without an issue. Senator Gorham made a faint attempt to introduce the negro question, which caused him to lose the Democratic nomination. His party was afraid to nominate him because his own party would not dare to nominate him as the Democratic standard-bearer after he made that vile negro speech in Maryland last fall. What issue, then, has the Democratic party? Mr. Roosevelt has covered everything in his letter of acceptance. The country is now prosperous, and the people are satisfied. The Republican platform speaks for itself. It doesn't evade anything. It is as straightforward as the President's letter of acceptance.

THE NEGRO VOTE.

There should be no doubt, at this time, concerning the colored vote. The colored voter is certainly no fool; in fact, he ought not to be. He is certainly aware how he is being treated in every State where the Democratic party is in control. While THE BEE has been and is opposed to the methods inaugurated by Prof. Booker T. Washington, it must be admitted that the personal attacks on him by the Democratic press of the country, because honorable men invite him to their houses, should not be endorsed by the negro press of the country. The attacks should unite the colored voter and convince him that the prejudiced white man is inimical to his best interest. Has the negro forgotten the attack of Senator Gorman of Maryland Is he aware that he is the instigator of the "Jim Crow" car law, and the moving spirit in the disfranchisement of the negro in his State? What can the colored voter hope to obtain? What is his future hope? It would only be a question of time before every negro in the United States is disfranchised, if the Democratic party is successful in the coming election. Is the Democratic party a friend to the colored man? If it is not, what is he hoping to realize in the event of the success of that party?? The Democratic candidate for Vice-President has always been opposed to the colored man. A vote lost to the Republican party at this time means one gained by the Democrats. When there was a division of the colored vote, at the time of Mr. Cleveland's election, what did the negro gain? He received a few offices, and nothing more. No honest negro who has the interest of his race at heart can afford to give aid and comfort to the Democratic party.

JUSTICE O'NEAL VS. OPPRESSION.

Since Justice Lewis I. O'Neal has been temporarily presiding in the lower branch of the Police Court someone has been interesting himself about the manner in which he has been dispensing justice.

While his methods, which are fair, seem to displease the Police Department or those who may be anxious for an increase in salaries, the people in this city are more than pleased with him, and only wish they could place him permanently in the upper court. It is a shame the way the people have been oppressed. He is one of the few men who know what to do with the great mass of prisoners brought before him. He always tempers his sentences with mercy, just as any sensible man, and not a tyrant would do. What good does it do to impose heavy fines? Who is benefited? If the Police Department wants an increase in its funds, let the Chief of Police make a recommendation to the Commissioners. While the Police Department is to be commended, it is not presumed that the people must be unjustly oppressed. We have been oppressed in this city too much. We need just such a man as Justice O'Neal upon the bench, either in one branch of the court or the other. He is also just the man to preside over the Juvenile Court. He has some sense.

GIVES IT UP.

The self-appointed defender, elucidator and expounder of the Constitution, Joseph Bailey, of Texas, after a most robustuous career at the Democratic convention, and in spite of his oft-repeated prophecy that Roosevelt would be snowed under this fall, has confessed that the Democrats are not in it; gives up the sponge, and throws out the nourishing morsel that the Democrats will be victorious in 1908. And thus it will continue to be. The wide-mouthed hypocrite and boaster must inevitably come to grief. We recall how "Constitution" Bailey was going to annihilate Bryan at the convention, and how he tried to bluff Beveridge in the Senate, and we are not surprised that at this early stage the braggart turns tail and runs away from the post of duty. Here indeed is a case where a man is hoisted on his own petard. But they might as well know it now. Bailey got miffed and opened his mouth and put his foot in it, simply because he was not lionized by his party associates, and gave the truth away. The others are only nursing a forlorn hope, but are brave enough to put on a bold front and stand by their guns. But Bailey perhaps thinks a "safe run is better than a bad stand."

THE FIRST OF THE KIND.

THE BEE has always maintained that the appointment of Hon. Henry L. West as the Democratic Commissioner was not a mistake, but a benefit to the District. Mr. West has demonstrated that he is a man free from prejudice; fair and upright in his dealings with the people. The appointment of a young colored man as engineer at the Washington Asylum is one of the most commendable acts ever performed by any Commissioner. Mr. West has never appointed a man because he is colored or white, but because he is qualified for the place. Another commendable trait in Mr. West is that he is never too busy to give a citizen a respectable hearing. THE BEE extends its thanks to him for the appointment of this young colored man from the Manual Training School.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY.

This well-known institution was opened on last Wednesday morning under the most favorable auspices. President Gordon has made several important changes which will no doubt be an improvement to the institution. Several departments have been improved by several new teachers. President Gordon has an eye to business as well as to the improvement of the University. THE BEE wishes it every success.

Lieutenant Matthews should have been cited by Jsutice O'Neal for contempt.

Commissioner West has our congratulations. How does the negro press feel now?

The Republican party will win in November. This has been conceded by Democrats.

Senator McComas has great hopes of carrying Maryland this fall. The Senator is a fighter.

Hon. Sidney Mudd, of the Fifth Maryland District, is in the fight to a finish. He has the best of the fight, although there are lots of mud in his district.

The *Washington Post* has wisely concluded that the "Before Day Club of Negroes is a hoax." THE BEE concluded as much when the Post first made the announcement.

A distinguished white Southern Democrat remarked on Wednesday that the country needs no change. He liked Judge Parker, but he regrets that he can't vote for him.

It is a long way from the position of a leader of tyrants, lynchers and butchers to a seat in the White House, where the greatest and best men that ever lived have resided. But what's the use of pipe dreams?

While the "great white race" are prating about their purity and their greatness, they might learn a lesson by noticing the billboards and seeing how the American mind is being trained. Every play now has a villain robber, a butcher and a brute for the youth to imitate and emulate.

Jim-Crowism is a purely Democratic institution. It manifests itself throughout the party at all times and under all circumstances. Even the decrepit Vice-Presidential candidate could not lay the spirit even when the success of the party in West Virginia depended on it. When Teddy comes marching home again Jim-Crowism will be scalped right.

Ben Tillman does not seem to be in such great demand at the North. The party leaders have muzzled him and consoled him with the promise that when the colored folks are gobbled up in November in the interest of the Democratic party, he shall be permitted to talk nigger. And then he winked the other eye. O! but he has only the one! Too bad he could not wink two!

THE BEE WOULD LIKE TO SEE

Negro Democrats convinced.

The negroes of Georgia fight the enemy.

Weakly bunco editors retire.

Commissioner West reorganize the Police Department.

A Republican party of the Sumner and Lincoln stripe.

The Jim Crow car law abolished.

Colored lawyers reorganized.

Suffrage in the District of Columbia.

General George H. Harris win in 1908.

Honest elections in the District of Columbia.

The *Colored American* either pull up stakes or decide that its predictions of THE BEE were false.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY.

THE BEE is the best paper edited by negroes in the United States.

Its editorials are stronger and more pointed.

The Republican party will win.

Traitors never win.

Honest men will look you straight in the face.

Mr. John F. Cook does not care about the Blaine Invincible Club.

He was not fooled to the ox roast.

Judge Pugh will be named for the next House of Delegates for Montgomery county, Md.

Judge O'Neal threw a bombshell last week.

Traitors must die and perjurers must follow suit.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER ENDORSED.

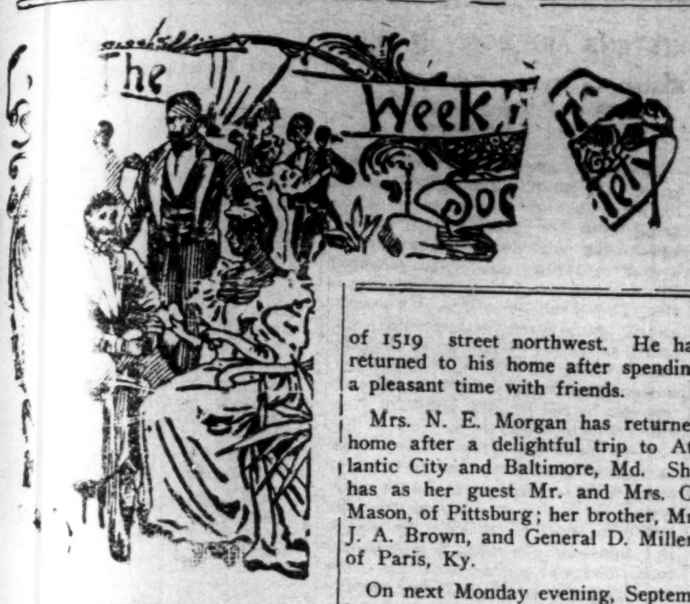
Elsewhere in THE BEE this week will be read with interest excerpts from the negro press on the letter of acceptance of President Roosevelt. It can be seen that the colored press is almost unanimous in its endorsement of this great letter, which seems to have met not only the approval of the negro journals, but of the entire patriotic American people.

OUR OFFER.

THE BEE made a special offer this week for the Farm and Fireside and THE BEE for one year for two dollars. Read our special offer in this week's issue. Send money order or check at once. THE BEE is the leading journal in the United States, and Farm and Fireside cannot be surpassed.

ANOTHER CONVERT.

Mr. Oliver C. Black, of this city, who has been supporting the Democratic party for years, said to a BEE representative on last Wednesday that there is nothing in the Democratic party for the negro. That he cannot longer support that party and be true to his race. Mr. Black was one of the active members of C. H. J. Taylor's Democratic Club under the Cleveland administration. He now declares for the Republican party and is willing and ready to enter the field and try to regain what he has lost by being a negro Democrat.



Miss Lizzie Scott has been quite sick at home.

Mr. Ernest Cuney left for New York city last week.

Mr. James H. Smith, of 505 D st., has a good civil practice.

Mr. William H. Adams is in the city of Wheeling, W. Va.

The editor made a flying trip to Atlantic City last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Milton are the happy parents of a new comer.

Stewart M. Lewis is on his vacation, but is as active as ever for business.

Mrs. W. P. Mitchell, who has been ill for two weeks, is able to be out again.

Mr. Julius Isbell, of Le Droit Park, left the city Wednesday for Pittsburg, Pa.

Mrs. Richard Toomy, of Le Droit Park, has returned home after a pleasant trip East.

Miss Mamie White, daughter of the Hon. George H. White, will leave the city for Oberlin, Ohio.

Mrs. Minta B. Simmons, of 1914 K street northwest, will leave for New York city next month.

Mr. T. B. Spiggs and son arrived in the city last Sunday evening. They have had a delightful time.

Attorney L. M. King has been invited to address the Republicans of West Virginia next month.

Mr. Robert J. Holland, of the firm of Horner & Holland, has returned to his place in the department.

Dr. Thomas H. Martin, who was severely injured several weeks ago, has almost entirely recovered.

The editor of THE BEE, accompanied by Attorney L. M. King, will visit New York city next week.

Mr. Francis Smith, of the Armstrong Manual Training School, has resigned to take effect October 1st.

Attorney W. L. Pollard, who returned from the World's Fair about a week ago, declares that race prejudice does exist.

Mrs. Gorham Fletcher has been appointed in the Manual Training School upon the recommendation of Dr. Bruce Evens.

Miss M. E. Janifer and Miss Eva Harvey have returned to the city after a very pleasant sojourn in Hampton, Va., and Lynn, Mass.

Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, president of the St. Luke's Bank, in Richmond, Va., was in the city last week, the guest of Mrs. James H. Hayes.

Mrs. Frank Johnson of Baltimore, Md., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Lee since August will return to her home today.

Mrs. Lena Holmes, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holmes, who has been sick for several weeks, has improved sufficiently to be out again.

Five successful applicants who passed the recent Bar Association examination were colored — Calloway, Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Heath, and Parker.

Register J. W. Lyons, accompanied by Prof. L. M. Hershaw, left the city Tuesday evening for Battle Creek, Mich., where they have been invited to speak.

Mrs. C. W. Lewis, 1619 Third st., northwest, who has been confined to the house for a week or more, with a very bad attack of rheumatism, is somewhat improved.

Mr. Robert L. Penalton, who has been director of the printing department of Howard University, has tendered his resignation. He has been succeeded by a white man.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryn, of New York, the daughter and son-in-law of Mr. William P. Mitchell, will return to New York from Europe, where they have been on a professional tour.

Mr. George Ware of Boston, Mass., was in the city last week, the guest of Mr. Joseph H. Holmes and wife, of 1519 street northwest. He has returned to his home after spending a pleasant time with friends.

Mrs. N. E. Morgan has returned home after a delightful trip to Atlantic City and Baltimore, Md. She has as her guest Mr. and Mrs. O. Mason, of Pittsburg; her brother, Mr. J. A. Brown, and General D. Miller, of Paris, Ky.

On next Monday evening, September 26th, the professional and business men of this city will hold public memorial exercises in the Virginia Avenue Baptist Church. Several well-known lawyers and other professional men will deliver addresses.

Misses Florence Chapman and Reader Thomas, of Ivy City, will leave the city next week for the South. Miss Chapman will take charge of a school. She and Miss Thomas were entertained on Wednesday at a lunch by Mrs. Ethel Johnson, of Le Droit Park.

Attorney L. M. King and Mr. A.M. Curtis, who went to Richmond, Va., last week, had a most enjoyable time. Attorney King, who had a business proposition to remain there as an attorney for a large corporation, has the matter under advisement.

Rev. S. L. Corrothers will preach his last series of special sermons on Sunday morning. His sermons have attracted large crowds to his church. He is now looking after his various clubs that are doing special work for his church. Monday night the Connecticut State Club, Miss Mary Booker, president, gave a very sucessful entertainment.

Invitations are out for the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, Wednesday evening, September 21st. Mrs. Colbert, nee Miss Frankie Black, was married to Rev. Horace Colbert, secretary of Wilberforce College, Ohio. She is the daughter of the late William H. Black, formerly of this city, and sister of Mr. Ulysses Black and Mrs. Gussie Henderson. It has been twenty-five years since the marriage of Mrs. Colbert, which took place in this city at the residence of Mrs. Matthews, on 7th street between L and M streets northwest.

OCTOBER 31ST IS THE LAST DAY

To get the *Farm and Fireside* Free with a Subscription to THE BEE.

The contract which renders it possible for us to give the *Farm and Fireside* free with each cash subscription to THE BEE expires by limitation on the thirty-first of October. It is "Now or Never." You had better borrow the two dollars with which to make home happy with these two interesting papers than to let this chance go by. It's the best investment you can secure with money. Try it and you will reap heavy weekly dividends.

Farm and Fireside is issued twice a month, twenty-four numbers a year, and has from twenty to thirty-two large pages, each issue; it is profusely illustrated with half-tones. It is the best farm and home journal in America. Thousands of dollars are expended annually for expert advice for the farmer, dairyman, stock-raiser, poultryman, fruit-grower, and gardener. It has departments for the good housewife, fashion pages, patterns, good stories, puzzles; it furnishes a lawyer and a doctor, wit and humor columns, and a young people's department. Examine the sample copy that has been sent to you.

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS.

Justice Charles S. Bundy, George Simmons and W. B. Todd, committee on publication for Columbia Heights Citizens' Association, have just issued a fine pamphlet giving a statement descriptive of those magnificent heights. They also publish many cuts of valuable and beautiful residences in that locality.

WANTED.

A stenographer and typewriter wanted at once. He or she must be steady in her habits. Address K. THE BEE OFFICE, 1109 I street northwest.

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Furnished Rooms for gentlemen only. Hot and cold baths. 2505 M st. N. W.

ONLY $1.00 TO HARPER'S FERRY

Charlestown, and Winchester and return via Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Sunday Sept. 18. Special train will leave Washington at 8.30 A. M. An opportunity to spend all day Sunday on historical grounds

CURBSTONE CHIT AND CHAT.

The News of the City Dished Up for The Bee Readers.

PERSONAL POINTS POINTEDLY PUT.

Home News and Events Transpired Since our Last Issue—Other Matters Worthy of Careful Consideration.

No man is too poor to take a colored newspaper. It is false economy to get along without it. Hardly a week passes that something does not appear that is benencial to the subscriber. The white papers do not take the place of the colored papers, although some colored people seem to think they do. The white papers are all right in their way, but they don't give you what you are most interested in—your race news. Such matters white papers do not furnish, but the colored newspapers can and do. If you can afford but one paper, by all means take one that is published by your own race, viz: THE BEE.

Negroes saved Roosevelt once in a battle of swords and bullets, and perhaps they may be called upon to save him in the battle of ballots in November.

Selecting gun pointers is one of the most important duties in the Navy. These appointments are not confined to any race, creed or color. One of the United States vessels has a colored gun pointer.

There are 200,000 miles of submarine cables. They go eight times around the globe. They cost $200,000,000. Their present value is $300,000,000. The shortest cable is one-quarter mile in length; the longest, 15,000 miles; Total number is 1,700.

Fraunce's Tavern, in New York, where Washington bade farewell to his officers, has been bought by the Society of Sons of the Revolution.

Vesuvius began its work as a conservator of antiquity earlier than A. D. 79.

The Emperor Menelik, of Abyssinia is the fifth husband of his wife, Tartu, who was once a great beauty.

Government control of wireless telegraphy on the coast of the United States is absolutely essential to the national defense. The Navy Department has prohibited the establishment of a private station within a zone of 240 miles.

Last week on nine steamships which reached here there were 6,767 immigrants; there were also 2,939 cabin passengers. This was the result of the rate war of the trans-Atlantic lines.

Joe Jefferson has quit the stage on account of ill-health.

New York city has an underground railway which runs from 33rd street and 7th avenue to 91st street, thence to City Hall, back to 33rd street.

If Parker, Bryan and Cleveland all take the stump, voters will be served with three kinds of Democracy and may take their pick.

New York has commenced to build her new water-front. It has been going on for thirty years. It will be several generations before it will be completed. Already $200,000,000 has been spent on thirty-five miles.

The cost of the pension roll is $1.75 a year for every man, woman and child in the United States.

In Italy there are 172,000 skilled workmen engaged in the manufacture of silk.

The idea of a prepaid envelope originated in France early in the reign of Louis XIV with M. de Valfyer, who in 1653 established a private penny post.

One of the great attractions in the World's Fair is the seedless apple propagated by J. F. Spencer, of Grand Junction, Colo.

Administration of the oath in civil cases of high antiquity is Exodus. Swearing on the Gospel was first used in 528.

Chinese used torpedoes more than 600 years ago.

Six members of the London Stock Exchange wear metal in their boots—a piece of copper in one, and a piece of zinc in the other.

The War Department is paying old Confederate claims at a great rate. Recently Congress appropriated $225,000 for the reimbursement of Confederates (or ex-rebels) who had lost their horses and side arms after Lee's surrender. (In our opinion the Government would do much better to expend the same amount to see that lynching bees are put down in the South.)

The largest sunfish was caught near Santos, Cataline Island, off the coast of California. It weighed 1,900 pounds.

Gypsies made their first appearance in France in 1427, during the time of Louis XIV.

Drop a lump of sugar in a coffee cup in the middle and watch the bubbles that arise. If they rise straight in the middle, remaining there in a cluster until they disappear, clear weather; if they rise at the sides, adhering to the china, rain or snow will follow.

The elder statesmen of Japan who are advisers without authority number four, the Marquis Ito, Marquis Yamagata, Count Inonye and Count Matsugata.

Rear Admiral R. D. Evans is a baseball enthusiast, and seldom misses an opportunity to see a game.

James Gordon Bennett carries with him on his yacht on every long voyage two fine cows in order that he may avoid condensed milk.

A man that has no enemies is not worthy of friends.

Allow the colored man to believe that he and his children are to have their liberties, and opportunities, and he will make a good citizen.

The Czar called for 447,000 recruits. The Japs are getting ready to call out the reserved militia of 120,000 men.

Wages in the United States in the average are more than twice those in Belgium, three times those of Germany, Italy and Spain, and the one and one-half times those in England and Scotland.

The British possessions in West Africa cover 500,000 square miles, contain 20,000,000 negroes, and produce 10,000,000 bales of cotton annually.

DANCY IN DEMAND.

Recorder John C. Dancy is now in great demand for the coming campaign. The Republicans of Hartford, Conn., made such a demand for him that the National Committee has invited him to speak there Thursday, September 29th. The Republicans of West Virginia have invited him to spend a week in the month of October there. He will, on his return from Connecticut, go to West Virginia; from there he will go to Ohio, where he expects to make several speeches.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF

Reduced Fares Authorized via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

SUMMER SEASON—1904.

Atlantic City and Seashore:

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She gives us all a good-by kiss, an' locks
the door up tight,
So's to be sure to find us here when she
gets home at night.
She leaves the key with Mrs. Brown, who
lives next house but one,
An' if there'd ever be a fire, why, Mrs.
Brown would run
An' let us out, for mother's work is 'most
a mile away;
We know, 'cause once she took us, but
they wouldn't let us stay.

We see the school kids goin' by, an' then
we know it's noon
An' time to eat our dinner, which is always
ready soon,
'Cause bread and cheese is all we have;
an' then we play around,
Or little brother goes to sleep, an' we don't
make a sound.
We watch the funny postman, an' the
wagons rollin' past;
The streets get dark, the lights come out,
an' pretty soon, at last,
Somebody taps the windowpane, the door-
knob turns—an' then
You ought to hear us shoutin', 'cause it's
mother home again.
—Newark News.

Forgiveness.

Now bury with the dead years conflicts
dead,
And with fresh days let all begin anew.
Why longer amid shriveled leaf-drifts
tread,
When buds are swelling, flower-sheaths
peeping through?
Seen through the vista of the vanished
years,
How trivial seems the struggle and the
crown,
How vain past feuds, when reconciling
tears
Course down the channel worn by van-
ished frown.
How few mean half the bitterness they
speak!
Words more than feelings keep us still
apart,
And, in the heat of passion and of pique,
The tongue is far more cruel than the
heart,
Since love alone makes it worth while to
live,
Let all be now forgiven and forgive.
—Alfred Austin, in N. Y. Independent.

School Is Out.

Sshool is out,
And with a yell
Boys and girls
All rush pell mell
From the time discolored walls,
From the bare resounding halls;
O'er the building silence falls—
School is out.

School is out,
And weeds and grass
Grow and thrive
Where used to pass
Childish feet that danced along
Like the echoes to a song;
There no more the children throng—
School is out.

School is out,
And lass and lad
Laugh with glee,
And seem as glad
As we used to, you and I,
They but echo our old cry!
Soon they'll echo this our sigh—
"School is out!"
—J. M. Lewis, in Houston Post.

Motherhood.

Come to my arms, my darling;
Come, for the nightfall is near;
Come and thy mother shall send thee
To dreamland with never a fear.

Come, and thy mother shall sing thee
A lullaby softly and low—
Sing thee to rest and to dreamland
Ere darker the day doth grow.

And as thou sleepest, my dear one,
Visions will come to her eyes—
Visions of thee, strong in manhood,
Noble and gentle and wise.

Her heart will glow at the picture,
Thrilling with joy and with pride,
Yet the tears sadly fall as she presses
Thee close, little one, to her side.

And she knows that always at twilight,
Wherever, wherever thou art,
The same little lullaby darling,
She'll sing to thee down in her heart.
—Mary Putnam Gilmore, in Boston Transcript.

Better Than They Knew.

When that brave sailor sought a western
way
To pearl-filled Ind and curious Cathay,
He did not know his enterprise had won
A doubled journey for the circling sun.

When some star-seeking soul first felt the
birth
Of intuition of another earth,
He could not dream his sons would search
the heights
Amid a maze of suns and satellites.

'Tis ever so. We burst some narrow bond,
To marvel at the limitless beyond.
Wherever man's progressiveness has
pressed
It's won a grander crown than it has
guessed.
—Edmund Vance Cooke, in Success.

Pessimist and Optimist.

Above me glows the fiery orb,
That burns me with its fire;
About me, filled with blood-stained beasts,
The forest, dark and dire;
To keep my mouth with food supplied
I give my nights and days;
Slave of the universe am I,
Lost in a hopeless maze.

Above me floats the starry sky,
With countless treasures filled;
About me press the forests dense,
That I a home may build;
To learn the secrets of the world
I have my nights and days;
Lord of the universe am I,
Enthroned 'mid glory's blaze.
—Thomas Curtis Clark, in S. S. Times.

Laura's Graduation.

Laura's graduatin', an' they say she's goin'
to speak
A little piece in Latin, an' another piece
in Greek,
An' I know the folks'll clap their hands all
up an' down the hall,
But I don't care what the language is—my
heart will know it all!

I know those red, sweet lips o' hers—just
every word they say—
Far sweeter than the music the song-birds
make in May!
An' the Greek they speak is music, an' I
whisper: "Let it roll!
For the sunshine o' the eyes o' her is
lightin' up my soul!"
—F. L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution.

The Toilers.

All day the toilers sigh for rest,
Nor find it anywhere.
The sun sinks in the darkling west,
And they forget their care;
Tired hands are folded on each breast:
The Lord hath heard their prayer!

Through all our lives we pray for rest,
Nor find it anywhere.
Then comes the Night, with balmy breast,
And soothes us unaware.
I wonder much—"And is it Death,
Or but an answered prayer?"
—Carlyle McKinley, in Century.

MEDIUM FORESEES ROBBERY.

Spiritualist Prophesies Hold-Up of Telegraph Operator and Gives Description of Principals.

Out of the publication some days ago of the hold-up at night of a telegraph operator on the Santa Fe at Hanford, when between $150 and $155 was taken by two men, has grown an interesting story of the forecast of coming events by fortune telling. According to a friend of Mr. Barter, the operator who was held up, he was formerly employed in the same capacity at Victor, Cal. While there an itinerant spiritualist medium one night went into a trance for Mrs. Barter. The medium drew a vivid picture of a robbery, going into details of the descriptions of the parties and the circumstances even to the hour and language used by the robbers. The description of the victim fitted Barter so well that his wife induced him to leave Victor for fear the predictions of the medium should come to pass.

On the way to Hanford the Barters passed through Los Angeles, and while here Mr. Barter told his friend the story told his wife by the spiritualist. The idea that there was anything in the prognostication was scoffed at, but it has developed that the details of the holdup tally almost exactly with the forecast by the medium. The men entered the station at about midnight, as it was said they would, covered the operator with a revolver, and attempted the opening of the safe, at the same time telling him that violence would be done him should they fail. After securing all the money the safe contained the fortune teller said the victim would be tied in his chair. This is exactly what was done. She also stated that the operator would be arrested, and this, too, has been done. The man, however, would be released, she said, as the robbers would be apprehended, and this last seems likely of verification by the arrest of two men at Bakersfield, on whom something over $150 was found, together with a bunch of skeleton keys. The men fit the descriptions given by Barter and the medium.

DOG MAKES LONG JOURNEY.

Frightened by Mowing Machine Pointer Runs 385 Miles—Trip Takes Six Days and Nights.

A story recently published which related to the wonderful knowledge and instinct of a dog returning to its home after having been shipped to a distant state has caused Mr. O. O. Gelbert, of Enderlin, N. D., to tell for the first time a true story along similar lines which came under his direct knowledge.

"A black and white pointer," he says, "was shipped by L. D. Barnard, St. Paul, to a friend of his, H. F. Larson, to be trained by me on prairie chickens. One day when I had her out, with a number of other dogs, she happened to come across a farmer operating a mowing machine. The noise of the mower so frightened her that, in spite of call and whistle, she disappeared over the prairie. I spent two days in a vain hunt for her, inserted advertisements in various papers, and even offered a reward for information concerning her whereabouts, all to no avail. One evening I entered Mr. Larson's store and he produced a letter just received from Mr. Barnard, saying that the dog had arrived home at Renville, Minn., safe and sound, but quite footsore, mute evidence that the faithful brute had traveled the entire distance overland. She had been shipped to North Dakota over the Milwaukee road from Renville to St. Paul, and thence over the Soo line from St. Paul to Enderlin, a total distance of about 385 miles. According to the letter from Mr. Barnard, she made the return trip in six days and six nights. The following season Mr. Barnard sent the same dog to Mr. Larson, who now owns her. The dog now takes kindly to Enderlin, and is one of the best pointers in that section of the country."

MARQUIS' DOGS GO CHEAP.

High-Bred Canines Belonging to English Nobleman Are Auctioned at Ridiculously Low Prices.

The first of a series of sales in connection with the marquis of Anglesey's estate, in England, commenced when Dew Bangor, auctioneer, disposed of the marquis' pet and sporting dogs, their clothing and furniture, to such fanciers as were present. Many were debarred from buying because many of the pedigrees could not be found. The marquis always bought good dogs, but was careless of their pedigrees, once he had the dogs themselves. Thus some of the fox terriers fetched as little as from $1.25 to $2.50 each, although they were good enough to show. The Welsh and skye terriers and collies were equally good and cheap. A prince pedigree Borzoi went for $10 and his mate, Daisy, for $10. Five of their family, all of one litter and about 18 months old, were offered, and the highest price was $12.50. There was a spirited contest for a dainty blue toy winner of seven firsts and 19 other prizes. The price he went at was $275, and Mora Queenie, equally dainty, was knocked down at $130. Jac Valentine, the famous black pup which cost the marquis $1,250, was sacrificed at $50. The next seven sales included horses, automobiles, steam launches and boats, Parisian furniture in his bungalow, and 900 lots of personal clothing.

Historic Spot for Sale.

A British camp, dating back prior to the Roman invasion is advertised for sale. It has an area of 20 acres, and is more than 300 feet above the sea level. It served the troops of Caesar, the Saxons, Ethelred, Alfred the Great, and the soldiers of Cromwell. The proprietor asks $500 an acre, and recalls to prospective buyers the archeological value of the property.

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VIRGINIA GOLD ORE.

PRECIOUS MINERAL IS DISCOVERED IN A SECRET CAVE.

Find Is Made in Effort to Locate Jewels Said to Have Been Stolen from France in 1872 and Concealed Near Berryville.

Gold has been discovered near Berryville, Va., which assays $12 a ton, but it is believed that it will become more valuable as the vein is followed.

The discovery was made in an effort to locate jewels said to have been stolen from France in 1872. For 30 years there have been stories of these jewels having been concealed in the vicinity.

In the early 70's a Frenchman came to Berryville, then known as Battle Town. With him was a man servant. The Frenchman was a recluse, and it soon became gossip that he had some dark secret. After he had lived in Battle Town some time he moved to Winchester and later to Charlestown, W. Va. Then he disappeared and his abiding place was unknown. He was seen occasionally along the Shenandoah river or in the woods, but where he and his servant lived no one could say.

About this time there came a story from France to America of the theft of the jewels. It was said that they were stolen by a French nobleman who was a revolutionist and aided in inciting the people of France to riot. Suspicion was directed toward the Frenchman who had lived at Berryville. Detectives came from New York and other cities, but so well hidden were the Frenchman and his servant that neither was found. For some months the detectives searched, but to no avail.

Living just outside Berryville is Mrs. Hattie Dortcher, a woman of excellent standing in the community. While visiting an old school friend in Washington Mrs. Dortcher was introduced to a blind woman fortune teller. She told Mrs. Dortcher that there was great wealth to be found in a cave on her farm and told her how the cave could be found.

Going into the cave, men employed by Mrs. Dortcher found a skeleton of a man half a mile from the entrance. They discovered an iron box, cooking utensils and a river that flowed underground with such swiftness that no man could swim against it. Workmen pledged to secrecy were employed to dig in the cave, and in their digging they came upon a vein of gold, the first discovered in this part of the country. The gold was sent to Washington, and the first assay was $10 a ton. Then the vein became richer, and the second assay was $12 a ton.

So hard was the gold to obtain in this narrow and dark cave that the $12 assay would not pay, but Mrs. Dortcher did not abandon the work. Men are still working on the vein, and other men are endeavoring to effect a crossing of the river. These efforts have failed thus far, but the Dortchers are confident that when they are successful the jewels stolen from France will be found.

PERSONAL PECULIARITIES.

Flammarion, a great French astronomer, never shaves, cuts his own hair, and stuffs pillows with the shearings.

Miss Helen Gould says the memento that she prizes more than anything else she possesses is the flag which the sailors of the Raleigh voted to give her in preference to the city of Raleigh. It holds a prominent place in her home at Lyndhurst.

Sir Henry Thompson, the eminent English surgeon, who died recently in his eighty-fourth year, was, in addition to his surgery, especially distinguished for his study in matters of food and diet, and because he was one of the earliest and constant advocates of cremation.

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans is a baseball enthusiast and seldom misses an opportunity to see a game. He has been visiting Mrs. Evans' sister in Poughkeepsie, and while there attended a contest of the Hudson River League and "rooted" uproariously for the home team, which won.

Sarah Grand says that American women are, for the most part, more thorough, more intelligent, better informed, larger minded, and more agreeable to meet than their British sisters. The average Englishwoman is dull, idle, sluggish, and incompetent; the average American is busy, bright, energetic and capable.

One of the most enthusiastic of all those who follow the elusive golf balls over the Chevy Chase links, near Washington, is Justice Harlan, of the United States supreme court. He has turned threescore and ten, but he declines to agree that he has, therefore, passed what some have called the "dead line" of active life.

Mrs. Andrew Carnegie cares little or nothing for jewels. When she goes out to a function or to the opera she sometimes wears pearls, but these are not of fabulous size or price. They are extremely modest and afford quite a contrast to the jewels which some women wear. At best, Mrs. Carnegie does not care for functions or society in general. She makes a delightful hostess at Skibo castle, where she has received royalty, and these are qualities which always win with the higher classes abroad.

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Maltese Cat Selects Novel Place for Birth of Progeny—Removed to Old Wash Boiler.

Those who are familiar with cats know that when the time approaches for a member of the feline race to bring forth her young the cat is very apt to seek some secluded place and is averse to taking any place prepared for her in a nice box or other receptacle. They seek out-of-the-way places, and in many cases the kittens are not easily found. It would seem that the limit of originality had been reached, however, by Drusilla, a handsome Maltese cat, owned by Mrs. Hubbard Waldo, of Glastonbury, Conn. The cat has had her numerous progeny heretofore in various places, a barrel in the rear attic, a lower shelf of a house cupboard, the haymow, a box of shavings and many now forgotten other places. But this time she made a new departure. She was not seen at the house from Saturday night until late Sunday evening, when she came to get something to eat. It was surmised that the kittens were born, and search was made Monday morning in former places, but without success.

Late Monday afternoon Drusilla was noticed in the orchard about 100 feet from the house. She was watched and seen to jump on a tree and climb into a hole about four feet from the ground. There was a decayed place in the tree, reaching down about 33 inches. The hole is of oblong shape, 5x7½ inches. The cat was undisturbed until Tuesday morning, when Mrs. Waldo went to the tree and looked in. There was the cat purring away contentedly with seven little kittens. Later when Drusilla came to the house to get her breakfast the kittens were removed and brought to the house and placed in an old wash boiler, the nursery of an innumerable line of their predecessors. The cat submitted gracefully to the change of location.

MOONSHINERS IN MISSOURI.

Out of One Dollar's Worth of Material Distillers Turn Out Forty Gallons of Whisky.

It is not generally known, according to the Kansas City Journal, that considerable moonshine whisky is made in Southwest Missouri. Detective James Rosche of Carthage has arrested several proprietors of illicit stills recently. Mr. Rosche says that Missouri moonshiners make big profits as long as Uncle Sam lets them alone. He says they "take one gallon of cheap, black molasses, which costs about 30 cents two bushels of meal, at an averaeg cost of 65 cents per bushel, and some water. This is made into a mash, allowed to ferment and the stuff then goes through the process of evaporation.

This amount of molasses and meal, with a sufficient amount of water added, makes 40 gallons of moonshine, which is sold for two dollars per gallon. The men who engage in the illicit distilling of whisky are usually of the more ignorant class. That is, they are uneducated, but what they lack in book learning they make up in shrewdness that cannot be learned in school. Most of the men engaged in their business are desperate fellows and do not hesitate to defend their liberty with the use of guns.

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CATCH AN UGLY MONSTER.

New Jersey Fishermen Let Hideous Thing Go for Seashore Attraction for the Summer.

Richard Harris sends word from Hope Creek, N. J., that he and his shad crew caught in their net a monster, the like of which has never been seen before in the bay. It was let go alive in the hope that it might find its way to some seaside resort and be captured as a season attraction.

Harris describes the monster as "the ugliest and most repulsive ever created." Its shape was triangular, about 18 inches broad at the head and graduated to the tail to a width of five inches. Its length was about four feet six inches, of a dirt color, and its flesh was soft and flabby. On top of the head was a horn seven inches long. There were three rows of teeth about a half inch in each jaw, and the mouth was big enough to take in a water bucket.

Lives on Water for 53 Days.

A case that is puzzling the medical profession is that of Jerome Penn, a business man of Washington C. H., Ohio, who has not taken food for 53 days. He has subsisted entirely upon drinking water. His mind is clear, but he is much emaciated. His inability to retain food on the stomach caused him to take the water diet.

Uruguay Coming to the Front.

In a two by six county like Uruguay 900 persons were killed in a small revolution. The Chicago Daily News remarks that Russia and Japan will have to do better than they have been doing or take a back seat.

By MISS MAY CLEMATIS.

Some girls are too fresh.

Do not go alone on excursions.

Every girl should protect herself.

Do not express too much anxiety.

Do not expect to please everybody.

Courtship is of short duration now.

Never introduce yourself to a male.

Do not imagine that you are pretty.

It is in bad taste to admire yourself.

Artifice is like fresh cake it will get stale.

Independence in a girl wi emand respect.

S. T. You must be able to protect yourself.

Be slow to speak but quick to comprehend.

Self pride will after lead to ridicule and disgust.

When your conscience is right, you need not fear.

Always be on time when you intend to attend church.

What will please some people will not satisfy others.

The honeymoon lasts three days onand hardly that.

J. T. Dresses have been quite pretty this summer.

Do your duty and nothing more can be expected of you

Everything that becomes other people may not become you.

He will not respect you, neither should you ask to be introduced.

Familiarity should not be tolerated, it will cause you to be disrespected.

Nellie. Deception is very often prevalent in a fickled minded girl,

Norah. Do not be selfish. It is in bad taste to impose upon a true friend.

Paint on the face is vulgar. It readily demonstrates the character of the woman.

No lady will allow a man to walk with her with a cigar or cigarette in his mouth.

Miss E, You should not doubt when you see evidences of affections and of fidelity.

Be what you are and do not ever attempt to make of yourself something else.

Your good senses will teach you whether you are respected by your male escort.

Always keep one thing in view and that is always keep the gossipers tongue quiet.

A good house wife knows how to go a house and what will please her husband.

Miss O. Do not believe everything that is said to you. It is well to weigh well, everything.

Sadie. Do not imagine that your place cannot be filled by another. Girls are often of this opinion.

Bessie. Be contented and you will succeed. There are times in ones life that acts become tiresome.

Miss R. M. Flashy dressing will become some people but what ones thoughts are is another question.

Etta. Friendship can be alianated by coolness and indifference. Some people cannot appreciate true friendship.

Miss T. M. You cannot expect to hold your friends by deception. This suggestion was given to you some time ago.

Ida. How can you expect to demand respect if you do not conduct yourself properly. You ask for advice. Be wise and let your actions and conduct show what you are.

I. M. All work is honorable, and you should never be to proud to do honorable work. Protect your honor no matter where you may be or what you may be doing.

Miss M. You doubt yourself, hence you cannot trust others. You must have confidence in some body. Never come to a conclusion until you are thoroughly convinced, Do not suspicion a friend without cause.

J. A. Take life as you find it. It is what you make it any way. There are people who believe that goodness is in excessive praying. Many hypocrites pray with no meaning or sincerity.

Izzie. Be thoroughly convinced that you have selected the proper person before you give the final v is a life time companionship. Divorces are numerous. Do not marry for the name. If your condition is to be improved and your companion the proper person, marry.

L. E. You are going away for the summer. You want to know what is the best to do. It is better

EACH RACE HAS ODOR

ORIENTALS OBJECT TO WESTERN PEOPLES ON THAT SCORE.

Japanese Medical Man Publishes Treatise Which Affords Field for Discussion—Scent, He Claims, Is a Factor in Present War.

Western nations, with their usual conceit, imagine that they are superior in every respect to the races of another color, and consequently to those of the far east. One of the charges which white men bring against the negro is that the odor emanating from him is the reverse of pleasant, and occasionally, in hot weather, is almost unbearable.

The Caucasian never pauses to think that possibly the odor of his skin is by no means pleasing to the sense of smell of the negro or the indian. Nevertheless, it is stated that the smell of the white man is not so fragrant to the negro as is imagined, but is, in fact, objectionable to a degree.

According to a recent issue of the New York Times, a Japanese medical man has published a treatise concerning the odor of the occidental races, declaring that it takes some time for the oriental to become accustomed to it.

The writer advances the theory—which has been discussed before—that each race has its peculiar odor, that it is partly radical, but is in a measure influenced by dietary and other conditions.

The Japanese do not smell each other, but the perfume from their bodies is wafted by the breezes to the Russians, who can distinguish the smell of their enemies at a long distance. The writer, however, states that it is nothing like the pungent and penetrating emanation proceeding from the western nations, in which traces of garlic and ancient cheese and the volatilization of a coarse and overabundant dietary are sure to be found. There are reasons to think that the Japanese doctor may be right, and perhaps each race has its characteristic odor.

Certain it is that primitive races have a much keener sense of smell than the members of a highly civilized race. With civilization and the art of living in an artificial manner, from disuse the senses of sight and smell become less acute. The Japanese have not embraced civilization for so long a period as to lose the qualities of a people living in a state of nature. Indeed, the great majority are not civilized at all.

FOREIGNERS STEAL MODELS.

Parisian Dressmakers Claim That American and German Firms Purloin Advance Styles.

Paris dressmakers declare they can no longer stand the tyrannical habits of certain German and American houses, and a circular has been draughted and signed by such names as Worth, Redfern, Doucet and Paquin, stating that in order to protect themselves from unfair competition of unscrupulous rivals, no winter models will in future be shown before August 15, or delivered before September 7 for America, and September 15 for other countries.

The disgruntled dressmakers state that Germans and Americans visit Paris at the end of June or the beginning of July. Wherever costumes for the following winter can be secured in advance, they are promptly taken and forwarded to headquarters in New York and Berlin, where they are copied in inferior material and sold as the latest, to the detriment of the Parisian originators, who are subsequently told by their clients that their models are not new, as they had seen them in New York, Berlin and elsewhere.

LAUGH NEARLY KILLS GIRL.

Six New York Specialists Nurse Her Back to Life After She Bursts an Artery.

Six New York specialists are nursing Miss Elizabeth Bath back to health and vigor, after she nearly died for indulging in a joyous laugh. Miss Bath was visiting an aunt in Mount Vernon, N. Y., when a party of young people were discussing the amusing incidents of a country Fourth of July celebration. Miss Bath laughed so heartily that she burst an artery in her brain and she dropped to the floor totally paralyzed. For two weeks she was in a comatose state. At the end of the third week of her trance Miss Bath recovered her voice, and, though unable to move a muscle, could speak in a whisper. Then it was discovered that she had been paralyzed by a cerebral hemorrhage brought on by laughter.

Good Word for the Oyster.

Prof. Giard, of London, in a report sent to the minister of marine has whitewashed the oyster, which had been given a bad name two winters ago. He says that, first of all, none of the maladies of the bivalve is catching for man. Finally, the professor asserts that it is a question whether any authentic cases of typhoid can be traced to the oyster, and that at all events such cases are so rare as to be negligible.

Cupid Their Interpreter.

The Rev. H. F. Regan, of Carthage, N. Y., married a couple, neither of whom could speak or understand the language of the other. The bride was Eva Urso, a native of Hungary, and the bridegroom was Antonio Amorose, a native of Italy. The bridesmaid was a German and the best man an Italian. Mr. and Mrs. Amorose have been in this country only a short time. They speak only their mother tongue.

EMPIRE STATE HAS SAINT.

"Reasons" Said to Have Been Sent to Rome to Warrant Canonization of Jesuit Missionary.

New York state is soon to have its first saint. Rev. Isaac Jogues, the famous Jesuit missionary martyred by the Mohawks 259 years ago, is to be canonized, thus adding another chapter to the Roman martyrology, and welding another link to the endless chain of saints of the Catholic church. Under the direction of Rev. Father Wynne, S. J., and other Jesuits connected with the local houses of the order, the entire data for the process of the canonization have been gathered and forwarded to Rome. Father Camillus Becarri, S. J., who is stationed at Rome, is to be the postulator of the missionary's cause, and will present to the Roman congregation having charge of such serious business 126 "reasons" or "points" in the declaration of the missionary's holiness of life and purpose. The most powerful argument, however, will be proof that Father Jogues "shed his blood for the faith," together with an unauthenticated list of miracles wrought at the shrine erected in his honor at Auriesville. At the same time that Father Jogues' process is being conducted the merits of Rene Goupil and Katherine Tegakwita, companions of the martyred Jogues in life and death, will also be considered, and in all probability they will be raised on the altars of the church at the same time. While the name of Isaac Jogues is written deep in the history of the Empire state, but few knew that it was proposed to elevate the martyr to the rank of saint. The data for the process of canonization have been gathered quietly. The work of gathering the data, examining witnesses and compiling and revising the facts gathered was no easy task. It was a matter of many moons, the data of Jogues' early life and work being stored in libraries throughout America, Canada, France and Italy.

TOMB OF LEO XIII. FINISHED.

Permanent Resting Place Provided for Body of Late Pope in His Favorite Church.

Pope Leo XIII.'s permanent resting place in his favorite church of St. John Lateran, in Rome, has been completed. The monument is the work of Lucchetti, a Perugian sculptor, and cost $35,000, the whole sum being contributed by the cardinals created by him, the present pope and most of the sacred college. It is erected over the entrance to the sacristy on the left of the main altar. The tomb proper, which is surmounted by a full-size statue of the late pope in a recumbent position, will rest just above the door. An arch ornamented with mosaic figures surmounts the tomb, under which are the statues of St. Thomas Aquinas and of St. Francis D'Assisi at each side of the sacristy's door.

The monument occupies a position symmetrical with the tomb of Innocent III., built by the late pope on the opposite side of the choir. Leo XIII.'s body will soon be transferred from its temporary resting place in St. Peter's to the new one. The transfer will be made some night, but the date is kept secret for fear of disorders such as happened when the body of Pius IX. was transferred to the Church of St. Lorenzo in 1885. The Italian authorities have already been informed of the time and have promised to take special measures to protect those accompanying the procession across the city of Rome.

ASKS CONSENT OVER CABLE

Young Engineer Gets Approval of Prospective Father-in-Law to Engagement and Marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Radford Bascom, married in Grace church, New York, have returned to New York from a wedding journey to Atlantic City. The bride abandoned a long-hoped-for trip to Europe when an immediate marriage was urged by her fiance. Miss Shelley Hughes Barringer, who is now Mrs. Bascom, is the daughter of Maj. David S. Barringer, U. S. A., retired. He is in Europe and his daughter was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Clark, of New Brighton, S. I. Bascom is a young engineer engaged in the construction of one of the East river bridges. When he won Miss Barringer's consent, he cabled to Maj. Barringer:

"Shelley and I engaged. Do you consent?"

Maj. Barringer cabled back: "Engagement approved."

Then Bascom urged an immediate marriage. The young woman consented, subject to the approval of her father. The cable was employed again, and Maj. Barringer replied: "Go ahead."

Game Cock Attacks Child.

Elizabeth Garrigan, four years old, of Charleroi, Pa., has been under a physician's care, suffering from serious injuries inflicted by a rooster. The fowl, which is of the game variety, attacked the child while playing in a yard. The rooster first rushed at the child with such force as to knock her down. Then it cut her viciously with its spurs. Her forehead was laid open and her face was fearfully slashed by the sharp spurs. Neighbors attracted by the child's scream of pain drove the cock away.

Maybe French Would Bring Them.

New York is short on domestics. Perhaps a French name might bring them, suggests the Chicago News. New England maidens looking for work do not care to be known as hired girls. A matter of language might supply the want.

EQUIP COAL STATION.

GOVERNMENT IS ESTABLISHING LOCATION ON KISKA ISLAND.

Ideal Situation Obtained in Aleutian Chain—Place Will Be Largest of Its Kind on the Pacific—Water Easily Accessible.

The progress of the work of establishing a naval coaling station on Kiska island, in the Aleutian chain, has been reported to the navy department at Washington in a letter from Lieutenant Commander F. H. Sherman, commanding the gunboat Petrel. According to the department's plans, Kiska island, which is about 800 miles west of Dutch harbor, Alaska, and about midway between Seattle and the Asiatic coast, will be the site of the largest coaling station on the Pacific.

The date of Commander Sherman's report is not given. Even at the time that it was made, good progress had been made in the preliminary work, and the outlook was promising. Kiska has characteristics similar to the coast of Scotland, so far as topography and climate are concerned. Fogs are frequent, but the climate, although damp at most seasons, is far from being unhealthful. The report says that the engineering features of the work were immediately placed in the hands of Civil Engineer F. T. Chambers.

When the Petrel's expedition reached Kiska early in June, the island was nearly covered with snow, but this disappeared rapidly, except on the high mountains. The harbor where it is proposed to establish the coaling station has a southern exposure, and the land for some distance back from the shore line is comparatively smooth. The snow disappeared from that part of the neighborhood earlier than anywhere else, and before the 28th of June the men of the expedition had planted some small gardens. The officers believe that a considerable quantity of fresh vegetables will be raised for the use of the expedition. The question of water supply for the coaling station was under investigation at the time Commander Sherman wrote his report. It was found that pure water could be obtained in a suitable quantity not far from the harbor, and a site for a reservoir is now under detailed examination. It is proposed to obtain such a quantity of fresh water, and with such facilities for handling it, as will make it possible to supply ships with water as well as with coal at this station.

BLACK PICTURE OF WHITES

Colored Student of Sociology Takes a Gloomy View of the Caucasian Race.

E. Tobias, a colored man, a graduate of Williams college, and a student of sociology, is being taken very seriously by Frenchmen in Paris. In the last Revue Mr. Tobias writes thus, as if with the authority of close observation:

"Physically and morally the white race in America is declining in power. Everywhere I have observed evidences of this decadence among the whites. One of its most striking signs is the premature loss of their hair and teeth. If you go into any large assemblage of whites, where the men take off their hats, the first thing that strikes your attention is the great number of young men afflicted with baldness.

"When young white men open their mouths the loss of their teeth is even more noticeable than the absence of their hair. Even young children are often entirely without teeth or hair.

"Mentally, too, the white race is retrograding proportionately. Many more whites than blacks commit suicide; there are many more insane among whites.

"The enormous intellectual decline of the whites in the United States in the last 50 years is particularly evident in their literary productions each year."

PUTS REVOLVER IN SOCK.

Queer Attempt to Get Rid of Wife Charged Against Spouse of Chicago Woman.

"My husband told me to mend one of his socks after placing a revolver in it. He hoped the gun would go off when I picked it up, and thus he planned to murder me," says Mrs. Daniel Shields, of Chicago, who is suing for a divorce from her husband in the circuit court. Despite their 40 years of wedded life, Mrs. Shields makes a miscellaneous assortment of claims. One night, she asserts, she caught her life partner prowling about the house with a razor, hunting down imaginary rivals.

At regular intervals he would also knock her down and sweep the floor with her, she says.

The revolver in the sock failed to work, says Mrs. Shields, as she took hold of the wrong end of the thing when hauling it out from under the bed.

Gets Marie Antoinette Harp.

The museum of the Conservatory of Paris has obtained the harp which once belonged to Marie Antoinette, of France, a magnificent instrument, heavily gilt, made by Nadermann in 1780. The short arm is ornamented with a marvelous wreath of roses, on the top of which is carved an eagle with spread wings. Diamonds are incased in the eagle's claws.

Lose Whiskers in Race with Death.

A wild ride through the blazing forests from the Hastings Sawmill company, near Sliaman, B. C., cost every man on the train his whiskers and many of them lost their hair and clothes. They ran a race with death, and their escape was marvelous.

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NUBBINS OF NONSENSE.

Opportunity is a knocker; it knocks once at every man's door.—Houston (Tex.) Post.

Sooner or later the patient taxpayer is called upon to foot the bills.—Chicago Record-Herald.

It is because a man doesn't know a woman that he asks her to marry him.—Chicago Daily News.

The man who invented mirrors deserves a— But the chances are that the inventor of mirrors was a woman.—Chicago Tribune.

Being rich is a relative term, after all. A boy with a dime is sometimes richer than a man with a million dollars.—Somerville Journal.

In the interest of accuracy and at the risk of being voted ungallant, we desire to state that it is not always proper to refer to the end seat hog as "him."—Washington Post.

The hero in a magazine story is made to say that he admires the freckles on the nose of the heroine. It requires little mental effort to imagine a sequel to the story, telling how he had to buy freckle lotions for her.—Chicago Tribune.

APHORISTIC ADDENDA.

No degree of temptation justifies any degree of sin.—N. P. Willis.

Truthfulness is at the foundation of all personal excellence.—Samuel Smiles.

There is no benefit so small, that a good man will not magnify it.—Seneca.

Manners carry the world for a moment, character for all time.—A. Bronson Alcott.

To have what we want is riches, but to be able to do without is power.—Macdonald.

Perfect valor is to do without witnesses what one would do before all the world.—Rochefoucauld.

It is better to suffer wrong than to do it, and happier to be sometimes cheated than not to trust.—Johnson.

Man never fastened one end of a chain around the neck of his brother that God did not fasten the other end round the neck of the oppressor.—Lamartine.

SCHOOL SUBJECTS.

Chin Yung Yen has won a fellowship at Columbia university. No other Chinaman has achieved this honor.

Washington Duke and his two sons, James B. and B. N., have given a total of $900,000 to Trinity college, Durham, N. C.

English is in the future to be an optional subject in all public schools in Saxony, on the ground that it is "the most widely-used civilized language in the world."

The average wage of a male schoolteacher in the United States is about $450 per year. The average salary of a woman teacher in the United States is about $350 per year.

ODD ORNAMENTS.

Gold, silver and copper are all used for jewelry in these days, and the metals are studded with pearls, garnets, turquoises, topaz and amethysts.

Gold set with pale green chrysoprase is charming.

Odd ornaments are made of silver set with opals.

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The Great Danger.

Benjamin D. Brown, of Philadelphia, and 72 years of age, married Mrs. Elvina King, aged 65, because he "liked her cooking." Now if he can keep her from desiring to be in fashion by hiring somebody else to do the cooking, remarks the Chicago Record-Herald, his declining years may be filled with real happiness.

Advice for Men.

"If you don't want to tire yourself when you go up a stairway," says a physical instructor, "go up backward. That brings into play the same set of muscles you use in going downstairs, and with a little practice you can do it easily." This advice, we assume, is addressed particularly to men.

Still in Fashion.

Six hundred years ago on the 20th of July was born Francesco Petrarch, the world's greatest love poet. And love is just as much in fashion as it was the first time he ever wrote a line to Laura.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. Ella B. Freeman, wife of Dr. Henry W. Freeman, was buried on last Monday from the Berean Baptist Church. She was a most excellent lady, and at the time of her death she was only twenty-two years of age.

The splendid display advertisement in last week's BEE, together with a local concerning the opening of the new drug store, 1904 L street northwest, drew great crowds to this store on last Sunday. It is a store that reflects credit on the managers.

Commissioner West appointed Fred White, of the Armstrong Manual Training School, engineer at the Washington Asylum Hospital. This is the first colored man to be appointed to such a position from the Training School, and the race extends its thanks to Mr. West.

Mr. Wm. Moreland, Holtmans of stand, shoe dealer, 491 Pennsylvania avenue, northwest, has just received a large order of boots and shoes direct from the factory, as fine and durable as ever was placed on a shoe counter in this city, that is being sold almost a. the purchaser's own price. The evening dress walking shoe is a thing of beauty, and for good old-time service can't be beaten anywhere for the money. Then there is the famous double sole water proof working shoe that will stand all kinds of weather without a break or leak, is being sold at cost. No such bargains can be found in any shoe store in this city. Then there is the all-calf dancing Oxford style selling at three fifty everywhere except at 491 Pennsylvania avenue. The pleasure is yours. Just ask for what you want.

EMANCIPATION DAY.

From the Ohio Leader.

Colored citizens of Cleveland are making preparations to observe with more than usual care and amplitude the anniversary next Thursday of the emancipation of their race from slavery. They have arranged for a mass meeting in the armory on the evening of the 22d, at which, after some exceptionally good and appropriate music, Hon. J. C. Dancy, Recorder of deeds in Washington, D.C., will deliver an address. Mr. Dancy's attainments as a speaker are of a high order, and there is no question of his ability to make the coming occasion noteworthy in every particular.

Among all our anniversaries and holidays, our feast days and our white stone markings, Emancipation Day shines with a luster all its own. It records the fruition of a hope that had humanity for its basis, honesty for its inspiration, and the courage of millions of men and women, white and colored, for its armament and effectiveness. While the world lives the name of Abraham Lincoln will be connected first with the Emancipation Proclamation. He it was who uttered the profound prophecy and great truth that this nation could not continue to exist half slave and half free. He gave his life in the end as a crown to a work that no one now disputes was one of the grandest ever accomplished by this great Republic. From Plain Dealer.

The celebration of Emancipation Day Thursday will be observed by the colored race more generally this year than ever before. Elaborate preparations have been made for the celebration in Cleveland, and unusual interest is being taken in the event.

The committee in charge have succeeded in getting John C. Dancy, Recorder of Deeds at Washington, D.C., to make the principal address at the Forest Street Armory Thursday night. Mr. Dancy is one of the intelligent and successful men of the colored race, and has a national reputation as a speaker.

It was decided to postpone the parade and gathering at Manhattan Beach, as was originlly planned, and concentrate all efforts toward making the celebration at the Armory a great success.

The exercises at the Armory will begin promptly at 8 p. m. Prior to the exercises Company D, of the 9th Battalion, will escort Mr. Dancy through the principal streets to the Armory. There will also be an escort from the uniform rank, Knights of Pythias, the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Men's Auxiliary Committee.

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HAS A GRANDCHILD AT 34.

Englishwoman Claims Distinction of Seeing Third Generation While Still Young.

Replying to an item in an American newspaper announcing that the wife of a Brooklyn (N. Y.) alderman has become a grandmother at the age of 36, a woman near Brighton, Eng., writes to the London press asking: "Is this unusual? I was married at 15, had a daughter at 16, who married at 17, and made me a grandmother a year afterward. Therefore I was a grandmother at 34. I had four children before I was 21, and have had none since. Now I am 42. My girls are all grown up, so we are like five sisters, and as happy as queens. Three of my daughters are married, and I have two grandsons. I could not resist the challenge implied in your paragraph, seeing that I could so distinctly go one better than the American grandmother."

In all England at the time of the last census there were only 30 wives of 15. That is not conclusive, of course. If the census were taken annually, it might show 30 wives at the age of 15 every year. Against that, however, is to be set the extreme improbability of juvenile marriage extending to the second generation. It no more follows that the daughter of a girl of 17 will herself be a mother at 17 than it follows that the first-born of a woman of 40 will not be a mother until she is 40 herself. Such records as that of the Brighton woman are more common in countries like Australia, where young girls mature into women while still very young. In India a woman who was not a grandmother until she was 36 would be regarded as an eccentricity. Two in every five of the female population of India are married before they are 15.

BRITISH COURAGE WANING.

London Times Writer Sees Signs of Degeneracy—Has Hopes for the Future.

Some striking points are made in a letter signed "R. E. V." which appeared in a recent issue of the London Times upon what are asserted to be changes of recent growth in national characteristics. The requirements of a nation that is to win a war are, it is stated, three in number—money, brains and bravery. It has been the custom to assume that what Englishmen lacked in the second qualification they made up by possession of the last to an unusual degree. The writer believes this is a mistake that may some day lead to disaster.

"The fact really is that we have lost, as a nation, that absolute fearlessness that we once possessed." There is a "rot" in the national spirit, a lack of self-sacrificing patriotism.

"What would be thought," it is asked, "if one were to meet the father of a young man just killed in action and were to congratulate him on his son's death for his country, as they do in Japan, and have, no doubt, done in England? I am afraid it would not be prudent.

"The spirit is not there, and until we go through the fire and learn to give death its proper value we shall remain so clogged with prudence as to be apparently afraid. It is not too late to stop the 'rot,' but as every step backward must be paid for, so must this, and paid for with some sacrifice. Let us teach our children in school and out, that it is a glorious thing to die for England, and perhaps in time we may return to our old ideas, and the temperament of the Japanese in war."

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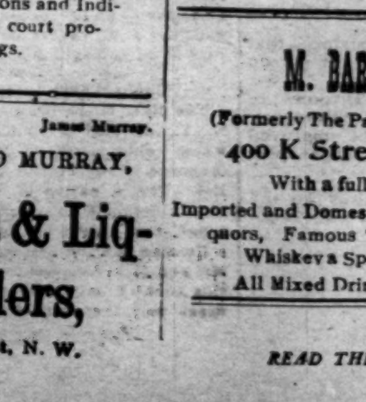

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